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READINESS EXERCISE

Paratroopers from the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Alaska, parachute into Guam early yesterday morning as part of their Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. The training mission aimed to secure the airfield as part of U.S. Army Pacific's participation in ongoing joint exercises throughout the region to include the Mariana Islands.

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4-day school week in SY 20-21

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The Public School System aims to continue the four-day school week schedule that was approved by the Board of Education right before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the CNMI back in March.

17,728 registered voters so far

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As of yesterday, there were a total of 17,728 registered voters in the CNMI for this Nov. 3 general election, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita A. Villagomez.



So far, that means the number of voters for this year's election went down. In the 2018 election, there were 18,914 registered voters, the See VOTERS on Page 4

That, plus reducing all personnel and key PSS management to a 64-hour work schedule means PSS could save up to \$6.4 million next school

year, said Lucretia Borja, PSS Human Resources director, during a Board of Education meeting yesterday.

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Ex-rep Mike Tenorio passes away

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The CNMI is mourning the passing of former representative Peter Michael P. Tenorio, more affectionately known as "Mike," who died over the weekend. Tenorio's age could not be immediately verified but Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's newsletter, *e-kilili*, stated that Tenorio was born in



Tenorio

1960, which would make him 60 years old.

Tenorio was a member of the 10th Commonwealth Legislature for the people of Precinct 1, where he also served as chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

Tenorio was also district director of the Northern Marianas congressional offices in 2009, working with Sablan See TENORIO on Page 4

Fits and starts on rent freeze bill

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House rent for the month of July comes due today and, while many landlords have given renters more leeway in paying their monthly bill, that

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, June 30, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	253	4	257
Recovered	179	0	179
Active	69	4	73
Deaths	6*	0	6*
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			13,169

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	30	0	30
Active	1	0	1
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			8,217**

*Total includes a sailor from the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.

**Total includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

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BUSINESS

OHAS in Kensington Hotel opens today for people who crave bread and premium cakes.

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US states reverse their openings and now require masks amid virus resurgence.

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ASIA

China has approved a law that would allow authorities to lower the boom on Hong Kong.

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Contractor's lien claim vs IPI placed under advisement

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has placed under advisement the claim of a former contractor of the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC that it has provided more than enough evidence to es-

tablish a mechanic's lien on the Garapan property.

After completing the four-day bench trial Monday, Manglona said she will issue a written ruling.

IPI counsel Cong Nie rested their defense after the testimony of their expert witness, IPI engineer Tsunglun Tsai. IPI's other witness was IPI

employee Wang Wei Chih. Nie and U.S.A. Fanter Corp. counsel Colin Thompson then gave their closing arguments.

According to the minutes of the trial, Nie renewed a motion to withdraw as IPI counsel. IPI senior vice president of public affairs Tao Xing informed the court that IPI has not identified a new lawyer. Manglona

granted Nie's motion to withdraw as counsel as of that day, Monday, and told IPI that it must be represented by a lawyer and gave the company 30 days to find a new one, as well as possible consequences if it fails to do so.

Manglona told Xing to appear at the status conference

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NBG to celebrate Independence Day weekend

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will kick off Independence Day weekend with a fireworks display on July 3 and an Independence Day Motorcade through NBG Main Base and Apra View housing on July 4.

The Let Freedom Ring fireworks display, presented by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Guam, will begin at 8pm on Friday. The display will last approximately 10 minutes and will be set off from Clipper Landing Park.

The NBG Independence Day Motorcade will begin at 8am on Saturday. If you would like to volunteer and decorate your vehicle with an Independence Day theme and

participate in the motorcade parade, email Johnpaul.San-nicolas@fe.navy.mil by 4pm on Wednesday, July 1.

The parade route begins at Breakwater Ave. (Harbor View) and will run through Granada Ave., Portolla Ave. (N. Tipalao), Magellan Ave., Valencia St., Granada Ave., Dyess Ave. (Lockwood), Gilmore Ave., Berry St., Flemming St., New St., Anderson St., Elrod Ave., Orote Point Rd., and Marine Corps Dr.

The parade will then move into Apra View housing. The parade route begins at Apra View Ave. and will run through Mt. Tenjo Ave., Anae Ln., Mt. Lamlam St., Asiga Lane, Mt. Santa Rosa St., Mt.

Lamlam St., Rota St., and Mt. Autom St.

Both events are open to those with base access.

Patrons are asked to observe the following when viewing the fireworks display and parade:

- Housing residents are strongly discouraged from climbing onto housing unit rooftops. Housing rooftop areas should be accessed only for maintenance necessities and should only be done so with proper safety controls.

- Parents are reminded that they are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children at all times. Note that items, including candy, will not be thrown from the parade vehicles.

- Social distancing should

be observed at all times. Gatherings should not exceed more than 25 people.

- Face coverings are required in public spaces.

- Attendees may find a safe place to park their vehicle without impeding normal traffic patterns. There is no designated site to view the fireworks.

- Residents are advised to view from the safety of their home yards, driveways, or sidewalks.

- For safety purposes, access to San Luis Beach and the Sumay Marina will be closed beginning at 6 pm on Thursday, July 2, and will reopen on Saturday, July 4. Exceptions will be made for those who need to access boats at the marina. (PR)

PIC's 'Sharing Seeds' proceeds go to Karidat

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The management of Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio donated a total of \$10,525 that came from PIC's Sharing Seeds program to its selected beneficiary, Karidat Social Services, last June 30 at PIC.

The Sharing Seeds program is a charity campaign in which the guest of the resort pays an entry fee of \$1 to \$10 as a donation. Those who participate

in the program learn the value of sharing and the joy of charity or goodwill, while also enjoying their vacation.

According to Lindsay Ahn, E-Land's corporate social responsibility manager, the Sharing Seeds program funds were originally supposed to go to the Beautiful Store Foundation in Korea, which is the official partner of the program; however, this year the management of PIC Saipan

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Lauri Ogumoro, executive director of Karidat Social Services, sixth from left, poses with the Gloria Cavanagh, Pacific Islands Club Saipan general manager, second from left, Dennis Seo, assistant general manager of PIC, third from left, and Brian Shin, chief executive officer of Micronesia Resort Inc. (Kensington Hotel Saipan), eighth from left, after receiving the \$10,525 donation that came from PIC's Sharing Seeds program last June 30 at PIC in San Antonio.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft 2021-2025 Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Request for Public Comment

DATE: June 16, 2020

NOTICE: This is to notify the general public that the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) is seeking input on its *DRAFT 2021-2025 Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Report*. Every five years, states and territories are encouraged to conduct self-assessments of their coastal management programs to strengthen and improve their federally approved coastal management programs in one or more of nine enhancement areas.

These enhancement areas include aquaculture, coastal hazards, cumulative and secondary impacts, energy and government facility siting, marine debris, ocean and Great Lakes resources, public access, special area management plans, and wetlands. Each program identifies high-priority management issues and important needs and information gaps the program must fulfill to address these issues.

The draft document can be accessed at the following link: https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/CNMI_Section309v.5_06.12.20_DRAFT_Clean.pdf.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM office at the Gualo Rai Center on Middle Road, by email at planning@dcrm.gov.mp, and by phone at (670) 664-8318. It is the agency's intent to include all written and oral comments received during this comment period. Feedback obtained through this process will inform the development of the final version of the document.

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Man allegedly violates probation while on Saipan

A man who was convicted of aggravated identity theft in Texas and allowed to spend his probation on Saipan has been found to have used methamphetamine and marijuana while here.

This prompted U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to summon Ronnie Sanchez last Monday to appear in court and show cause why his supervised release should not be revoked.

In his recommendation, U.S. Probation Office's Gregory F. Arriola said that Sanchez admitted using methamphetamine or "ice" on June 1 and June 6, 2020. Arriola said Sanchez also admitted to smoking marijuana last June 2.

The probation officer said that Sanchez contacted him as instructed on June 4 and asked if there was a narcotics anonymous program that he could enroll in because he had used methamphetamine last June 1. Arriola said he instructed Sanchez to report to the U.S. Probation Office to further discuss the matter. Later that day, Arriola met with Sanchez, who explained that he had allegedly let his guard down after a family member offered him "ice." Arriola said Sanchez expressed remorse and executed an admission of drug use form indicating he used "ice" last June 1 and used marijuana last June 2.

The probation officer said he commended Sanchez for his honesty and informed him that steps will be taken to enroll him in a substance abuse treatment.

Arriola also stuck a sweat patch on the defendant's arm for further monitoring as well as to serve as a deterrent from further drug use. The probation officer said that Sanchez reported to the U.S. Probation Office for a random drug test and sweat patch removal last June 9. Arriola said he saw that the patch appeared to have been removed and then reapplied. He noticed that the absorbent pad was missing.

When asked if Sanchez had tampered with the device, he said no, saying it came off on its own. Arriola said that even after telling him that his explanation was implausible, Sanchez stuck to his story. Afterwards, Arriola said, Sanchez was subjected to a drug test and he tested presumptive positive for the use of "ice." When confronted with the results, Sanchez explained that it may have been from his last admitted use.

When told that the drug should no longer to be in his system, Sanchez allegedly admitted that used "ice" last June 6 and executed an admission of drug use form.

In Texas, Sanchez pleaded guilty in June 2019 to identity theft. He was sentenced to two years in prison. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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TENORIO

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(Ind-MP) on issues facing the people of the Commonwealth.

"The congressional office is deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and colleague, Peter Michael P. Tenorio. 'Mike,' as he was better known," the delegate's e-newsletter stated. "Thank you for your years of selfless service to our office and to the people of the Northern Marianas."

Rep. Tina Sablan (D-Saipan), who also worked for the delegate, only had kind words to offer to her former colleague. "Mike was boss, colleague, friend, and family to me. He was the district director for the congressional office, a businessman, a public servant, a devoted family man, a man of faith. He was kind. He was funny. He was generous. He helped



Sablan

so many—quietly, without any fanfare. People loved him," she said.

Rep. Luis John Castro (R-Saipan) also honored Tenorio, saying he carved the path for the current generation of lawmakers. "As a professional and a public servant, Mike left a humble but profound impact through his work. Along with that, he was a devoted family man,

loving husband and father, big brother, a kind servant leader, and a great friend.

...I am greatly appreciative of the path he and his colleagues paved for our generation to trod in serving our people and join in mourning his passing and paying tribute to his service to our precinct and our Commonwealth," he added.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, who served with Tenorio in



Apatang

the 10th Commonwealth Legislature, also expressed sorrow over the passing of Tenorio, taking comfort knowing that his good friend is now with God.

"A hardworking, very thoughtful and kind person, Mike lived life with so much love for those around him. He dedicated his time to making changes to better the lives of the people of the Mariana Islands by serving in the 10th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. He leaves us behind with an abundance of memories that I am sure will last us forever," Apatang said.

Tenorio was the eldest son of the late governor Pedro P. Tenorio and Sophie P. Tenorio. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and their three children, Sophia, Ex, and Peter Jr., as well as his mother, brothers and sisters, and their families.

pensation plan.

"Compensation of 64 hours bi-weekly work that is still in effect since March 2020 will continue for phases II and III groups in [fiscal year] 2021. In the event funding level improves, then PSS will revisit the compensation and determine if austerity will be lifted partially or fully," she said.

Borja said if Phase II of the 64 hours bi-weekly work schedule continues, then PSS would see a cost savings of \$4.2 million annually under local funding while if Phase III continues, PSS would see a cost savings of \$1.2 million annually under local funding. This would bring PSS' total cost savings for phases II and III to \$ 5.4 million annually.

If the 64-hour bi-weekly work schedule is implemented only on the Phase I group, PSS expects to see a cost savings of \$1 million.

Borja said this work schedule only applies to locally funded employees, so federally funded staff will not be affected and will continue to work 80 hours and receive 80 hours of pay bi-weekly.

tween life and death," the bill seeks to assist renters from getting evicted from their homes, due to their inability to pay absent any income. The bill passed the House last May.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development also extended the suspension of foreclosures and evictions until the end of August, to provide more time and assistance to families, without them having to worry about losing their homes, as they recover from the financial impacts of COVID-19.

During the Senate committee meeting, Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) cited a bill that was introduced during the time of Typhoon Soudelor that did not move forward due to the resources that would be needed and the ongoing contracts that would be challenged by the bill.

The lawmaker also noted that putting the bill together "requires a lot more analysis than just simply passing this bill without a proper public hearing or further analysis" as it

would also "injure rights of the tenant and rights of the landlords."

Senate floor leader Sen. Justo Quitugua (R-Saipan) also raised the need to look into the 1976 analysis of the CNMI Constitution regarding property owners and mortgages signed by banks, and the need to call the director of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. regarding rental subsidies given to tenants during disasters.

Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), referencing illegal price increases during disasters, stressed that "it's important that a legislation should be in place to address concerns so that people or business can be responsible and be penalized if there is [violation] in the regulation or law."

The committee deferred action on the bill, and will be discussing it at their next session, following the legal counsel's review of the 1976 analysis of the Constitution.

PWS submission deadline is extended

The submission deadline for the 2020 CNMI Prevailing Wage Survey is extended until July 10, 2020, at 5pm.

Visit <http://cnmidata.commerce.gov.mp> to respond to the survey. You can also contact the Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division at 670-322-3005/3007 or email them directly at cnmi.csd@commerce.gov.mp. (PR)

CLARIFICATION

In the story about Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC assuring the payment of the \$18.6 million license and regulatory fees that was published last Monday, Su Hongtao was referred as an investor and among IPI officials who had a meeting with Commonwealth Casino Commission board chairman Edward C. Deleon Guerrero and others last June 2. Su clarified that he is an investor on development projects on Saipan that are unrelated to IPI. He said he is a friend of the IPI owner and accompanied her to the CCC meeting.

VOTERS

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highest ever recorded. Villagomez expects the number of voters for this year's election to increase as there is still enough time to register, considering that the last day for registration is Sept. 4. She said some voters wait until they turn 18 before registering.

Right now, of the 17,728 registered voters, 14,053 are on Saipan, 164 on the Northern Islands, 1,650 on Tinian, and 1,861 on Rota.

Villagomez reminded those turning 18 on or before election day that they don't have to wait as they can come in now and register to vote. "They should be 18 on election day," Villagomez said.

As of 10:50am yesterday, more than 20 people, mostly students, went

to CEC in Susupe to register. She said most of the students registered to vote because they are trying to meet scholarship requirements.

She said they had already removed from the list of registered voters those who failed to vote in two consecutive elections, and those who have already passed away.

Unlike previous elections when CEC staff would entertain people inside their office, Villagomez said those who go to CEC to register or file petitions for nomination and candidacy this year should stay outside at the service window. She said people should also wear a mask and observe proper social distancing.

Villagomez said they are planning to put up a tent outside near the service window on Monday, July 6, for the first day of the submission of petitions and candidacies.

sion as they can be a part of a good cause by helping people of the island they love.

The \$10,525 donation was the total amount collected from 2018 to early 2020; most of the donors were tourists from Korea. The funds will be designated to Karidat's family services program, which provides aid to families experiencing economic hardship.

PIC Saipan served as a quarantine site until recently. Along with its sister hotels—Kensington Hotel Saipan and Coral Ocean Golf Resort—it has also donated relief goods and care packages that were distributed to the public and health care front-liners earlier this year.

CONTRACTOR

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on July 16 at 1:30pm or else the court may issue an order to show cause if he does not.

Thompson said U.S.A. Fanter will be filing a motion for summary judgment. The trial began last Wednesday.

U.S.A. Fanter's first witness, John Robertson, a U.S. mainland-based engineer, testified via video that he agreed with U.S.A. Fanter's evaluation that its contract with IPI is 41% complete. Robertson testified that U.S.A. Fanter was only paid \$300,000 and that it is owed at least \$2,089,000. Robertson later agreed during cross-examination that he has no personal knowledge how U.S.A. Fanter arrived at its calculation.

U.S.A. Fanter's also called other witnesses: U.S.A. Fanter owner Guo Cao Qian, IPI employee Jiang Zhou (through deposition), and U.S.A.

Fanter's general consultant Antonio Muña.

Last March, the court issued a mechanic's lien to U.S.A. Fanter. At this bench trial, it needed to prove it by higher evidentiary standard preponderance of evidence. A mechanic's lien refers to a security interest in the title to property for the benefit of those who have supplied labor or materials that improve the property.

Thompson said if Manglona finds a preponderance of evidence, she will issue a mechanic's lien and the case will continue while U.S.A. Fanter will prove breach of contract and other remedies.

U.S.A. Fanter is suing IPI for allegedly refusing to pay \$2,089,345 for landscaping services at IPI's hotel-casino project.

U.S.A. Fanter asked the court to hold IPI liable to pay \$2.08 million in contract damages. The company also sought payment for interest and attorney's fees.

4-DAY

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Ultimately, continuing with the four-day school week into the next school year and fiscal year would not disrupt the educational process at this time, she explained.

"We are in state of pandemic with COVID-19. The focus should be at preparing for the new school year and student learning. We are monitoring and cognizant of the economic downfall and potential decrease in projected budget for [fiscal year] 2021, therefore PSS will continue with the 64-hour bi-weekly work required to operate with minimal disruptions," she said. "Our goal is to continue to ensure that we live within our means and avert fiscal year shortfalls that will impact PSS' mission, which is to provide quality public education. PSS has invested a lot of time and money producing highly effective, seasoned, and passionate instructional and non-instructional staff. Therefore, we must address the funding issue

FITS

From Page 1

is just a debt that is growing and the CNMI Legislature is still working on a bill that weighs the need of renters and the rights of landlords.

In line with this, the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs took up House Bill 21-112, HS1, yesterday and the several implications of the bill, which seeks to authorize a freeze on rent increases, evictions, and foreclosures during a state of emergency or during a major disaster. The bill not only makes price and rent increases illegal during the duration of the freeze, but also makes evictions and foreclosures for non-payment illegal.

Introduced last April just as the COVID-19 pandemic was ratcheting up, where "the ability to shelter in place can mean the difference be-



Nurses from the 1984th U.S. Army Hospital-Pacific, headquartered at Fort Shafter Flats, Honolulu, Hawaii, are deployed to the CNMI to help increase medical capacity.

MAJ. MELODIE TAFAO

Army Reserve nurses help CNMI's COVID-19 response

By MAJ. MELODIE TAFAO
9TH MISSION SUPPORT COMMAND

Maj. James F. Schmidt, a Certified Nurse Anesthetist, was one of six nurses assigned to the 1984th U.S. Army Hospital – Pacific, 9th Mission Support Command, that deployed to the CNMI to provide medical expertise in support of COVID-19 response efforts. Schmidt is a staff nurse anesthetist for the 1984th USAH-P, Detachment 2, in Fort Wainwright, Alaska. "I am a soldier," said Schmidt. "I am happy to serve wherever you need me."

He is a resident of Greenville, South Carolina and works as a full time nurse anesthetist at Prisma Health-care Corp. where he cares for adult patients in a variety of surgical specialties. But when the call came to serve his nation, Schmidt did not hesitate. "Maj. Schmidt was a perfect choice for the job to support FEMA's COVID response in the CNMI because his civilian job had cross-trained him in the Intensive Care Unit to support where ever the need was," said Col. Paz Nuanez, 1984th USAH-P commander. "As a nurse anesthetist, he had extensive experience in managing mechanically ventilated patients and with SARS-CoV-2 causing severe respiratory failure. Maj. Schmidt was and is an excellent choice to support."

During the mobilization, Schmidt found himself 7,850 miles away from South Carolina on Saipan, an island in the Northern Mariana Islands. He also worked as a critical care nurse in the ICU at Saipan's hospital, Commonwealth Health Center, and performed other COVID-19 related re-

sponsibilities as needed such as community testing for COVID-19, screening incoming residents and visitors to CNMI at the Pacific Island Club and monitored COVID-19 positive guests at the Kanoa Alternate Care Facility.

"Our integration into the [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] staff was seamless and we were welcomed with open arms," Schmidt said. "Our credentials and privileges were immediately approved, and we were able to get right to work."

Schmidt, along with the five additional nurses from the 1984th USAH-P, were called "Big Hero Six" by 1984th USAH-P commander, Col. Paz Nuanez.

"I called all six of them personally," Nuanez explained. "And without hesitation, they all volunteered to mobilize for a quick COVID Response and place themselves in harm's way to help the people of CNMI, and that is why I called them my 'Big Hero 6.'"

Their dedication, work and expertise resulted in mission accomplishment and a grateful community.

"The people of Saipan were most gracious and appreciative," Schmidt said. "Every single interaction with patients, their families, and the community has been nothing but positive."

"Our mission was an overall success," Schmidt adds. "Due to the rapid and proactive response to the COVID-19 situation by the Governor's COVID Task Force, the government of CNMI, CHCC and the community's participation in mitigating measures and compliance with CDC guidelines, we avoided a spike in inpatient cases."

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Challenge: Create national costume for Ms. Marianas

A year now into her reign, 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto is turning her passion for the local culture and language as well as her aspiration for fashion design into her ongoing community projects.

She has kept herself busy despite the COVID-19 pandemic, such as sewing over 200 face masks to donate to the Guardian Mask Project, sharing videos of her reading stories to children, weaving coconut head dresses and hats, and making local recipes such as chicken *kelaguen*, and others. Her videos and activities can be seen on Instagram @missnothernmarianas and on Stellar Marianas' Facebook page.

After representing the Marianas at the 2019 Miss International pageant in Tokyo, Japan, Sasamoto has also helped relaunch the NMI Girl Scouts and became a troop leader, attended community events



2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto.

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and activities, assisted the Marianas Visitors Authority in promoting the Marianas, and now would like to focus on highlighting local culture and language as well as fashion design.

She will create more videos that promote the learning of local culture and traditions, reading and writing stories in Chamorro, and is encouraging all creative minds to design a national costume using recycled and natural materials for chance to win prizes and spark a fashion design idea for the next Miss Marianas national costume.

"Fashion design has always been a passion of mine and to me, it is exciting and fun to create outfits and accessories that define or expresses who you are," said Sasamoto. "I am inviting all our creative minds to take this challenge with me and have some fun!"

The national costume is a

competition segment in local and international pageants, where contestants would create or design costumes that represents to them the attributes or characteristics of their home countries.

To join the Stellar Marianas national costume Instagram contest, follow @missnothernmarianas, create a wearable costume made from recycled or natural materials that best represents the Mari-

anas to you, post your video or photos with a brief explanation and the hashtag #stellarcostume2020.

This challenge begins July 1 and ends Aug. 31, 2020. Winners will be announced Sept. 7, 2020. Entries will be judged under three categories: Resourcefulness: use of natural or recycled materials, Creativity: placement of materials, items made and Overall: impression of the design. (PR)

MHS' Hartig receives NSDA honor

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the top 60 in the Prepared Prompt Speech event.

Aside from Hartig, Team CNMI's Na Lee "Christy" Lee for Prose Reading, Victoria Santos for Story Telling, Dane Hodges for Storytelling, and Jonathan Wolf for Prose Reading all broke into the round of the top 60. This put them ahead of between 82 to 223 competitors nationwide.

Maria Elizabeth Bonto for Prepared Prompt Speech, James Keaton for Prepared Commentary, Jill Mallari for Expository Speech, Victoria Santos for Expository Speech, and Amy Soliman for Poetry Reading also almost made the break.

According to Harold Easton, Speech and Debate Association regional coordinator, only a small percentage of the thousands of student participants achieve this four-year honor.

During the opening ceremony of the annual NSDA nationals that was held virtually this year, Team CNMI's Hartig was honored for competing in a qualifier event for the NSDA nationals every year of her high school career.

This year, Hartig participated in the Oral Oratory Qualifier Event and finished four solid rounds, along with Jonathan Wolf who joined in the Humorous Interpretation, and James Keaton who joined in the U.S. Extemporaneous Speech where he finished two rounds.

Hartig also broke into the supplemental event where she entered and competed among

the top 60 in the Prepared Prompt Speech event.

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Easton said Team CNMI placed well among the 5,316 entrants who competed in this virtual tournament.

This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSDA National Competition shifted to a virtual platform.

The CNMI Team had representatives from Grace Christian Academy, Marianas High School, and Mount Carmel School.

DPL reiterates cattle grazing rules

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To resolve the issue of stray cows grazing and defecating at the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi, the Department of Public Lands is warning that cattle ranchers' grazing permits may be taken away should their cows keep breaking out of their fences and straying into the cemetery.

Department of Public Lands Secretary Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo is encouraging grazers to have their cattle stay within their permitted areas but there's a possibility that DPL might need to reconsider the sizes of the grazing areas

that are given out to ranchers.

"We really want and encourage our grazers to have your cattle stay within your fence and that's the purpose of the permitted area," said Concepcion-Teregeyo. "We will not continue renewing your permits if your cattle are continuously found outside."

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1.			/ /				\$
2.			/ /				\$
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List the names and information of each child attending school or day care.

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Last Name	First Name	✓		Wages and salaries from all jobs Before deductions	Pension, SSI, Retirement, Social Security	Any other income
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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian		Sign Here		Date Signed		
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Total Monthly Income:						Or
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1	\$ 16,588	\$ 1,383	\$ 692	\$ 638	\$ 319
2	22,412	1,868	934	862	431
3	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543
4	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655
5	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767
6	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879
7	51,532	4,295	2,148	1,982	991
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Last four digits of Social Security Number		X X X X	- - - -	Daytime Telephone:		
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For PSS Food and Nutrition official use, please do not write below this line						
Categorical Eligibility: NAP		Income		Temporary until / /		DYS Oth
Monthly Income:		Household Size				
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33		Bi-weekly x 2.15		Twice a month x 2		Verified by: _____ date: _____
Signature of Determining Official: FNS Administrator, _____ date: _____						

2020-2021 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 16,588	\$ 1,383	\$ 692	\$ 638	\$ 319
2	22,412	1,868	934	862	431
3	28,236	2,353	1,177	1,086	543
4	34,060	2,839	1,420	1,310	655
5	39,884	3,324	1,662	1,534	767
6	45,708	3,809	1,905	1,758	879
7	51,532	4,295	2,148	1,982	991
8	57,356	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103
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Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

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It's a couple centuries past time for Washington, DC, to get statehood

You can live in Washington, D.C., amid the nation's cherished monuments to democracy and representative government—the U.S. Capitol, the stately congressional office buildings, the White House—and still be among the most disenfranchised citizens in the nation.

Since Congress started meeting in D.C. in 1800, it's been more overlord than neighbor to the residents of the District. They have no senators and can send only a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives. And they've been able to do that much only since 1971. "Home rule" allowing a locally elected mayor and city council wasn't enacted by Congress until 1973—and Congress still retains the power to modify or veto D.C.'s laws and budgets. And it took a constitutional amendment (the 23rd) for D.C. residents to be able to vote for president, which they first did in 1964.

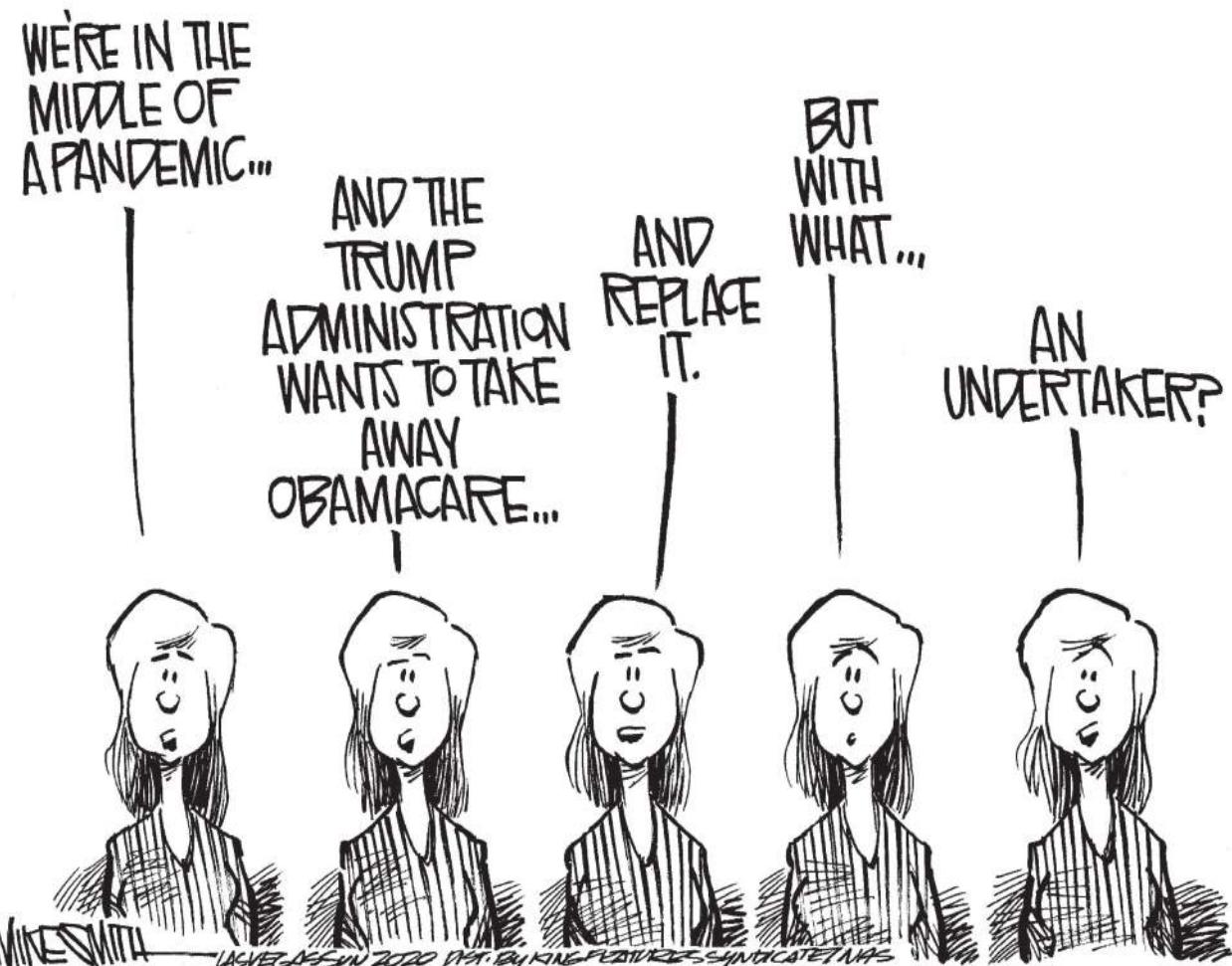
In the founders' zeal to keep the nation's capital separate from the fray and sway of partisan politics, they sentenced its residents to a kind of second-class citizenship. For decades in the 1800s, that was fueled by openly racist members of Congress intent on keeping the District, with its growing Black population, from wielding any kind of power. Today, Black and white residents each account for about 46% of the District's population, according to the Census Bureau.

But it's 220 years later. Giving the people who live within a few miles of the Capitol the same voice in Congress and the same power of self-rule as the residents of the 50 states seems embarrassingly overdue. It's time to grant the District of Columbia statehood.

On Friday, the House of Representatives passed a bill by the District's longtime Democratic delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, to do just that. It passed by a healthy margin, 232-180, which is nothing less than historic in D.C.'s long, fraught march toward the equal standing and self-governance to which its residents are entitled. The last time a measure like this came before the House was 27 years ago, and it was voted down. Numerous other proposals for D.C. statehood never even reached the House floor; more than 30 bills have been introduced in Congress in the past 30 years to provide voting representation to the District, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Norton's bill, H.R. 51, would create a 51st state named "Washington, Douglass Commonwealth" out of much of the territory the District now occupies. There would still be a District of Columbia that served as the nation's capital, but it would consist just of a small federal enclave that included the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the White House and the principal federal monuments.

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Coronavirus brings American decline out in the open

The U.S.'s decline started with little things that people got used to. Americans drove past empty construction sites and didn't even think about why the workers weren't working, then wondered why roads and buildings took so long to finish. They got used to avoiding hospitals because of the unpredictable and enormous bills they'd receive. They paid 6% real-estate commissions, never realizing that Australians were paying 2%. They grumbled about high taxes and high health-insurance premiums and potholed roads, but rarely imagined what it would be like to live in a system that worked better.

When writers speak of American decline, they're usually talking about international power—the rise of China and the waning of U.S. hegemony and moral authority. To most Americans, those are distant and abstract things that have little or no impact on their daily lives. But the decline in the general effectiveness of U.S. institutions will impose increasing costs and burdens on Americans. And if it eventually leads to a general loss of investor confidence in the country, the damage could be much greater.

The most immediate cost of U.S. decline—and the most vivid demonstration—comes from the country's disastrous response to the coronavirus pandemic. Leadership failures were pervasive and catastrophic at every level—the president, agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration, and state and local leaders all fumbled the response to the greatest health threat in a century. As a result, the U.S. is suffering a horrific surge of infections in states such as Arizona, Texas and Florida while states that were battered early on are still struggling. Countries such as Italy that are legendary for government dysfunction and were hit hard by the virus have crushed the curve of infection, while the U.S. just set a daily record for case growth and shows no sign of slowing down.

This utter failure to suppress a disease that most other countries managed to contain will have real economic costs for Americans, as fear of the virus drives people back into their homes and businesses suffer.

In addition to worrying about their jobs and livelihoods, Americans must now be subjected to months of images of Italians casually walking around on the streets while they cower in their houses. It's a painful and stark demonstration of national decline. Even more galling, the U.S.'s COVID failure means that its citizens can no longer travel freely around the world; even Europe plans to impose a travel ban on Americans.

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Bloomberg View

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But the consequences of U.S. decline will far outlast coronavirus. With its high housing costs, poor infrastructure and transit, endemic gun violence, police brutality and bitter political and racial divisions, the U.S. will be a less appealing place for high-skilled workers to live. That means companies will find other countries in Europe, Asia and elsewhere a more attractive destination for investment, robbing the U.S. of jobs, depressing wages and draining away the local spending that powers the service economy. That in turn will exacerbate some of the worst trends of U.S. decline—less tax money means even more urban decay as infrastructure, education and social-welfare programs are forced to make big cuts. Anti-immigration policies will throw away the country's most important source of skilled labor and weaken a university system already under tremendous pressure from state budget cuts.

Almost every systematic economic advantage possessed by the U.S. is under threat. Unless there's a huge push to turn things around—to bring back immigrants, sustain research universities, make housing cheaper, lower infrastructure costs, reform the police and restore competence to the civil service—the result could be decades of stagnating or even declining living standards.

And a biggest danger might come later. The U.S. has long enjoyed a so-called exorbitant privilege as the financial center of the world, with the dollar as the lynchpin of the global financial system. That means the U.S. has been able to borrow money cheaply, and Americans have been able to sustain their lifestyles through cheap imports. But if enough investors—foreign and domestic—lose confidence in the U.S.'s general effectiveness as a country, that advantage will vanish.

If capital begins to abandon the U.S. and the dollar in large amounts, the currency will crash and Americans will find them-

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It's time for a new holiday: national day

July the Fourth is coming up at the end of the week. How will you celebrate our nation's independence?

President Donald Trump, a traditionalist, is planning to observe a fireworks display at one of our national monuments that cannot be toppled by protestors, Mount Rushmore. Park officials are concerned that the pyrotechnics will ignite wildfires, but greater danger may lie in the socially un-distanced crowd that will be attracted to the event.

Your celebration may be more restrained than the president's, due to Pandemic 2020. Large neighborhood Independence Day parties and fireworks displays have been cancelled in the interest of public health and social responsibility.

The pandemic has given us a glimpse of apocalypse, as well as more time to think than we're accustomed to. And the protests that followed the killing of George Floyd have focused our attention on our racial history.

The nation is in a skeptical, questioning mood. Statues and monuments that glorify the Confederacy and white supremacy have fallen, and military bases that honor rebel officers may be renamed. Our critical disposition provides the occasion to reconsider our most hallowed national holiday, July 4.

Independence Day commemorates the declaration of our independence from England, but it wasn't a happy day for all Americans. In 1776, Native Americans, for example, faced a century of genocide to make way for the westward expansion of our burgeoning nation.

And Independence Day was no great gift to Black Americans. Britain abolished the slave trade in 1807, and in 1833 it abolished slavery itself throughout nearly all of the British Empire. Without Independence Day, Black Americans might have been free by 1833. Instead, in our young nation they faced decades of slavery, a bloody Civil War and many more decades of de facto social suppression that has yet to be resolved.

Colonial white women welcomed independence from England, as well, but the Constitution did not afford them the same rights as those enjoyed by men; they wouldn't be permitted even

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No matter how wide the margin in the House, the bill is expected to go nowhere in the Senate. The Republicans who control that chamber don't relish the prospect of what would probably be two liberal Democratic additions to the Senate. Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) offered a typical argument (and gained a moment of Twitter infamy) Thursday on the Senate floor, asserting that the District was filled with nothing but bureaucrats and lobbyists, unlike a "well-rounded working-class state" such as Wyoming—which, by the way, is less populous than D.C.

President Donald Trump has openly opposed Norton's bill too. (No shock there.)

But granting the District statehood should be beyond partisanship. This is a matter of civil rights. District residents pay taxes and fight (and die) in wars. More than 700,000 people live there—a population that's also larger than Vermont's and almost as large as Alaska's.

There has long been talk of retroceding the District to Maryland, the state out of which it was carved. That would, theoretically, take D.C. from having no voice to having a minor voice in a state with an already established political base. But reincorporating the District into Maryland would usher its residents into a different kind of second-class citizenship. They would be like the new kids who transferred into high school halfway through and have no say in the existing power structure.

Think about it—the District of Columbia is the only place in the continental United States where its taxpaying citizens are not members of a state, have no votes in Congress and cannot even control their own local laws and regulations. As Norton puts it, that's taxation without representation. The only way to treat the residents of the District justly is to grant them the statehood they should have been offered decades ago.

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to vote until 1920!

So July 4, 1776, is a day worthy of commemoration, but the idea that it represents independence and freedom for all Americans is a white, masculine conceit upon which we should probably cast the same skeptical eye that we are turning toward the Confederacy.

So let's remember the day that our nation declared its independence from England, but let's not glorify it beyond the credit that it deserves. Besides, too many of our monuments, statues and celebrations look backward, commemorating a past that we rarely bother to understand as fully as we should. In fact, too often our interpretations of the past tend to separate us, rather than bring us together.

Thus, I propose a forward-looking national holiday, not one that replaces July 4, but one that gives us room to more accurately understand our history, including Independence Day, and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate what our nation has become and can aspire to.

Let's give it a bland, uncontroversial name, "National Day," the annual occasion when we acknowledge the flaws of our founding and the shortcomings of our history, but also celebrate our commitment to do better going forward. Every American who believes in democracy, freedom, diversity, unity and equality can embrace such a national holiday.

Thomas Jefferson must stand

They're coming for Thomas Jefferson.

Protestors in Portland, Oregon used axes and ropes to topple a statue of President Thomas Jefferson. The New York City Council is agitating to remove a statue of the author of the Declaration of Independence from its chambers.

At this rate, the Sage of Monticello will be lucky if the Jefferson Memorial isn't bulldozed and if he isn't effaced from the nickel.

Jefferson is, to use the argot of the day, the most "problematic" of the Founders. The Virginian was a slave owner who, despite his high ideals, never jettisoned an attachment to the slave system that was a hideous injustice and, in the fullness of time, nearly destroyed the country.

But that's not what we honor him for.

Jefferson isn't memorialized on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere around the country because of the racist things he wrote in Notes on the State of Virginia.

He doesn't have a place of honor in American history because of his (now widely accepted by historians) sexual relationship with one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, who was the half-sister of his late wife.

He isn't held up as among our most exalted Founders because of his fear of slave revolts and his ever-closer association with the slave South as he grew older.

No, Jefferson is on a pedestal for achievements that still define the country today, and for the better.

He wrote the ringing lines in the preamble of the Declaration that eventually took on world-historical importance and were used as a rhetorical and philosophical cudgel against the slave system and white supremacy by the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King.

He was a theorist, champion and able practitioner of what we know as Jeffersonian democracy, "government of the people, by the people, for the people," as Lincoln famously put it at Gettysburg.

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selves paying much more for everything from cars to televisions to gasoline to imported food. Interest rates will be raised in an attempt to lure back investment capital, and the country might undergo a period of stagflation worse than the 1970s. Large-scale unrest would undoubtedly result and—in the worst-case scenario—the U.S. could collapse like Venezuela.

By JOHN M. CRISP

Tribune News Service



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Let's celebrate National Day every May 25, the day George Floyd was killed. Floyd wasn't a hero, nor was his death the most brutal ever experienced by a Black American at the hands of a racist. But Floyd is the Black Everyman, and the police officer who casually killed him is an apt representative of what happens when authority is compromised by racism and malice.

The brutal image of Floyd's life being slowly squeezed out of him galvanized the nation to take a hard look at the racial crimes and inequalities of its past and present.

Let's observe May 25 every year as our "National Day," the occasion that celebrates the day in 2020 that began our honest reckoning with the past and activated our resolve to do better, for every American, in the future.

By RICH LOWRY

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

He wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom that became a model for the First Amendment, and he worked to abolish feudal relics such as entail and primogeniture.

As president, he doubled the size of the country in a stroke with the Louisiana Purchase.

He was a man of the Enlightenment, with incredibly wide-ranging interests from architecture to natural history and—in addition to serving as president, secretary of state and governor—founded the University of Virginia.

All of this speaks to his greatness, but none of it is to deny his miserable human failures and his woeful hypocrisy.

That Jefferson was deeply compromised by the slave system and yet rose above his own sectional and selfish interests to enunciate timeless principles should be considered an accomplishment, not a reason to relegate him to the ash heap. He always maintained that slavery was unjust and early in his career, tried to abolish slavery in Virginia and prohibit the introduction of slavery in new Western lands.

The woke philistines who are targeting him are incapable of thought or discernment and want to jettison much of the country's heritage. A historian once said, "If Jefferson was wrong, America is wrong." Those who want to grind his memory to dust clearly accept both parts of that formulation—and indict not just Jefferson, but the America he helped define.

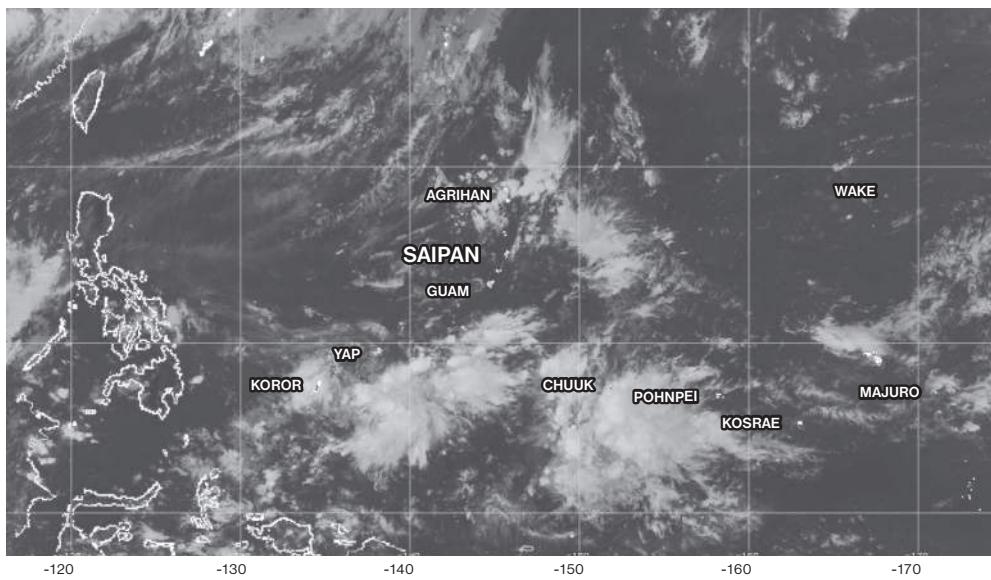
This is an outcome to be avoided at all costs. But it's an outcome that is no longer out of the realm of possibility, thanks to the complacency, arrogance and misplaced priorities of U.S. leaders and the deep and bitter divisions among U.S. voters. If the U.S. goes from rich, world-straddling colossus to floundering dysfunctional developing nation in just a few decades, it will be one of the most spectacular instances of civilizational decline in world history. Every mind in the country should be bent towards the task of reversing the decline and restoring national competence.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
88°	78°	88°	77°	88°
77°	88°	77°	88°	77°
89°	89°	78°	89°	78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:32 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present over Tinian and Saipan this morning. Partly cloudy skies and isolated showers prevail across Guam and Rota. Latest buoy observations show seas between 2 and 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available,

- able, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	88° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 76°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:03 AM	3:00 PM
Thursday	-	2:51 AM	4:00 PM
Friday	-	3:41 AM	5:01 PM
Saturday	-	4:35 AM	6:01 PM
Sunday	-	5:32 AM	7:00 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		
Auckland	Windy	55° / 45°
Beijing	Sunny	88° / 70°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 74°
London	Showers	72° / 55°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 59°
Manila	Thunderstorm	93° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 45°
Miami	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
New York	Thunderstorm	80° / 70°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 75°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	79° / 59°
Busan	Thunderstorm	77° / 68°
Rome	Sunny	91° / 70°
Salem	Thunderstorm	91° / 74°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 51°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	84° / 68°
Tokyo	Windy	84° / 72°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorm	85° / 71°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:32 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.21
10:47 AM	LOW TIDE	0.27
5:25 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.79
10:28 PM	LOW TIDE	1.19

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117 9:15am 9:55am 1, 4, 6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174 7:30am 8:11am 1, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301.2	8:30AM	9:00AM	Tues/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101.2	9:30AM	10:00AM	Tues/Fri
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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GUAM TO ROTA

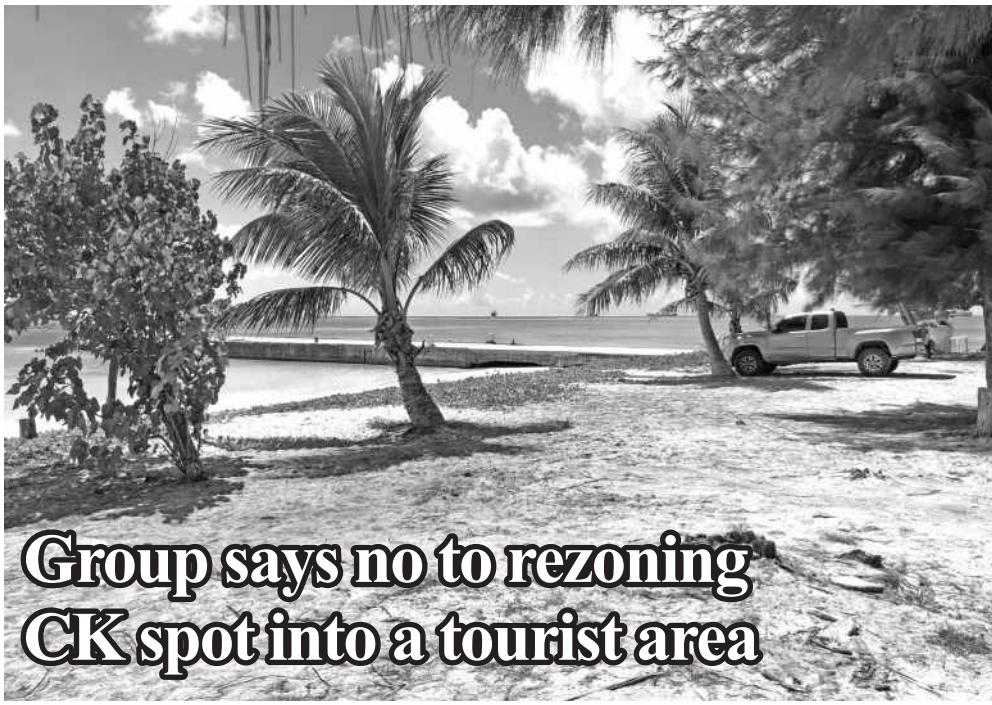
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4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2109	15:30	15:45	



Group says no to rezoning CK spot into a tourist area

Photo shows Sugar Dock and Laly 4 in Chalan Kanoa.

An organization of Carolinian residents are opposing a House local bill pending in the CNMI Legislature that would change the zoning classification of areas encompassing Sugar Dock and Laly 4 from village-commercial and village-residential into a tourist resort.

The Refaluwasch Association, along with residents of Chalan Kanoa, are opposing the passage of House Local Bill 21-42. Refaluwasch Association vice president Juan Tenorio said that several families and other residents of Chalan Kanoa gathered Monday to come up with a plan to

oppose the rezoning attempt. He said that Refaluwasch Association chair Ambrosio Ogunmoro had emphasized the need to oppose the bill during the association's officers and board director meeting.

One of the association's member, Lino Olopai, said, "We request if those [areas] can be exempted from the law and I would appreciate it if our leadership would look into that and give us the exemption."

Olopai pointed out the area's importance to the community. "This area is Laly 4. This is where we conduct our meetings, other ceremonial

events, teaching education to the kids, practice dancing and music, and [where] elders share stories in this area."

"This area has a very high historical and cultural value to the local community. Our livelihood is by the water and we want make sure that our culture is also kept intact," he added. "I am deeply concerned with this idea of turning this into a tourist resort because leaders can't take care of other areas like Mariana Resort and Imperial Pacific [Resort]. Why keep adding and yet that small area cannot be taken care of?"

(Chevy Alipio)

KRIZEL TUAZON

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-20-022

S-5 AND S-9 SEWER LIFT STATION RENOVATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the renovation of the existing S-5 and S-9 sewer lift stations, including the renovation of the existing generator building and wet well with all new piping, fittings, pumps, generator, and other equipment and appurtenance. The project also includes the installation of a new S-5 forcemain and forcemain inlet structure, the relocation of the existing Hyatt Hotel sewer forcemain to an existing sewer manhole on Coral Tree Avenue, the installation of a new S-9 upstream sewer manhole and gravity main crossing route 308. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 300 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **June 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-20-022, S-5 and S-9 Sewer Lift Station Renovation**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) July 2, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time.

Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST)** on **June 22, 2020** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water & Wastewater, Engineer – nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant - marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLON
Purchasing Administrator



NOTICE OF INACTIVE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The following Checking Accounts have been inactive with BankPacific for at least six months. The account owner should immediately contact the BankPacific Saipan Branch, Garapan at (670) 233-4752. The funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasurer during the month of October 2020 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69). After such transfer, all inquiries pertaining to the account should be directed to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS RFQ20-GOV-084

Request for Qualification for Provisions of Architect/ Engineering Services 702 CIP Project Management Services

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for the Capital Improvement Projects funded under the 702 Covenant Funding.

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under the General Provision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained of a one year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical Engineers, Geotechnical and Environmental Consultant.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services as a prime consultant advertised under the Capital Improvement Program.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work (SOW) and submittal requirements at the Office of Capital Improvement Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning June 29, 2020 during working hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – (Monday through Friday, except on holiday). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals or firms for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30-3-305. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of personnel or sub-consultants – 40%
2. Past Experience and Performance as a Project Manager – 40%
3. Project Methodology – 20%
4. Fee Proposal – 0%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Questions regarding this RFQ must be in writing and submitted to Ms. Nerissa Benavente at nerissa.cip@gmail.com or fax number 670-664-2408.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ20-GOV-084", Project Management Services for the 702 CIP Projects". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and one (1) copy of the qualification statement and in electronic form (USB) must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP **no later than 10:00 a.m. on July 29, 2020**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply **no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, on July 29, 2020** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to a.magofofa@ofc.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and one (1) copy of the sealed qualifications statement and in electronic (USB) must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country **no later than July 29, 2020**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement and Supply at P.O. Box 510008 C.K. Saipan MP, 96950 and must be received **no later than the close of business, August 07, 2020**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

BREACH OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

(To be part of Solicitation for Quotes, ITBs, RFPs and RFQs)

- **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. NMAC Section 70-30-3-725(a).

- **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of subcontractor or order. NMAC Section 70-30-3-725(b)

- **Contingent Fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. NMAC Section 70-30-3-730.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Francisco C. Aguon
Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

Bank of Hawaii

NOTICE OF INACTIVE BANK ACCOUNTS

The following checking and savings accounts have been inactive for six months or more with Bank of Hawaii. The account owners should immediately contact Bank of Hawaii Gualo Rai Branch at (670) 322-4200. Otherwise, the funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the CNMI Treasurer by October 1, 2020 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69, Section 4(b), The Commonwealth Escheatment Act of 2013 (The "Act") and Department of Commerce regulations at NMAC20-20.4. After such transfer, all inquiries pertaining to the account should be directed to the Office of Banking Division, Commonwealth Department of Commerce.

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Business

OHAS by Kensington Hotel Saipan opens today

By BEA CABRERA
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CORRESPONDENT

OHAS by Kensington Hotel in San Roque opens its doors today for people who crave fresh bread and premium cakes. OHAS, located at the lobby with a clear view of the ocean, goes by the mantra "freshness is our recipe" that denotes quality and great taste that's worth every penny.

With more than 20 years'

experience working in bakeries of 5-star luxury hotels, executive pastry chef Samuel Hong oversees the making of bread and cakes at OHAS. "We're constantly working on making healthy and delicious bread using natural fermented ingredients... Our goal is to deliver the best quality baked products that makes everyone proud including our own staff who help create and promote OHAS treats so that customers enjoy



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OHAS is located in the lobby of Kensington Hotel Saipan in San Roque and opens today from 10am to 5pm.

every bite," he said.

Hong lives by a three-pronged principle in baking bread and cakes at OHAS. "First, the use of natural fermentation—to use raisins, beer, lactobacillus, and rye, instead of artificial yeast-based fermentation; second, low

temperature fermentation to soften the bread's texture and enhance the flavor of the ingredients by long-baked, low-temperature fermentation; and lastly, all assorted bakery and cakes are prepared on a daily basis with no preservatives used," he said.

Their visually beautiful and mouthwatering cakes include eight signature premium cakes: Opera Cake, Daquoise Cake, Mille-Fueilles Cake, Fresh Cream Cake, Baked Cheese Cake, Roll Cake, Pound Cake, and Fruit Tart.

OHAS also features a wide selection of bread that include croissants, melon biscuit buns,

and anko bread. These items are perfect to partner with OHAS' specialty coffee and tea prepared by their experienced baristas or a quick snack for children and as a side bread during dinner gatherings.

For health enthusiasts, ciabatta, sour dough bread, tang jong bread, and rye bread are also available.

As part of their grand opening promotion, OHAS is running a "Grand Opening Lucky Draw" from July 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. For any purchase of \$10 or more, customers will be entitled to join the raffle and exciting prizes awaits. These include accommodation vouchers at Kensington Hotel Saipan, voucher for Loria Restaurant, vouchers for OHAS' signature cake, a Mandarin Duck backpack, and a GoPro camera.

OHAS by Kensington Hotel Saipan is open from Monday to Sunday, 10am-5pm. For inquiries, call (670) 237-4515. For special occasions, OHAS is ready to assist special cake orders and all cakes are available with one day advance order by phone.



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Premium cakes abound at OHAS by Kensington Hotel Saipan.

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CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB20-OGM-080**

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 17, 2020 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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*/S/ EPIPHANIO E. CABRERA, JR.
ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF GRANTS*

*/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S*

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
BOARD OF PAROLE**

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

MESSAGE: The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that an **Executive Board Meeting** is scheduled for **July 10, 2020 (Friday)**, at **10:00 a.m.**, at the **Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center Office of the Governor** located in Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. The following items are included in the agenda:

Board of Parole Executive Meeting Agenda

- I. **Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Presence of Quorum
- II. **Consent Items**
 - A. Adoption of Agenda
 - B. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Parole Hearing Mins – February 05 – 06, 2020
 - b. Executive Meeting Mins – February 07, 2020
- III. **Miscellaneous**
 - A. Schedule of next Parole Hearing
 - B. Schedule of next Executive Meeting
- IV. **Adjournment**

For any additional information about the meeting, please call the Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300.

/s/
Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman, Board of Parole

06/24/2020
Date

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: DPW20-ITB-018**

SUBMISSION DATE: August 4, 2020 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Repair of the DPW Roads and Grounds Traffic Branch Office Lower Base, Saipan"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR, OLEAI JOETEN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division required for each set.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 21, 2020**, 9:00 a.m., local time at **DPW Roads and Grounds Lower Base**, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., local time on **July 30, 2020** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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*/S/ JAMES A. ADA
SECRETARY, DPW*

*/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S*

Billions of dollars in aid for small businesses go unclaimed

NEW YORK (AP)—Billions of dollars offered by Congress as a lifeline to small businesses struggling to survive the pandemic are about to be left on the table when a key government program stops accepting applications for loans.

Business owners and advocacy groups complain that the money in the Paycheck Protection Program was not fully put to work because the program created obstacles that stopped countless small businesses from applying. For those that did seek loans, the ever-changing application process proved to be an exercise in futility.

"It was a flawed structure to begin with," said John Arensmeyer, CEO of Small Business Majority, an advocacy group. "It favored established businesses. It was set up to give money to people with strong banking relationships."

The program's shortcomings also made it more difficult for minority businesses to get loans, according to a report from the Center for Responsible Lending, a research group.

The loans were designed to give companies devastated by government-ordered shutdowns money to pay staffers and survive. The money was aimed at small businesses

such as restaurants, retailers and salons that are desperately trying to stay afloat as the U.S. economy reopens in fits and starts.

As of late Friday, the Small Business Administration had approved more than 4.7 million loans worth nearly \$518 billion. Small businesses that also included medical offices, dry cleaners and manufacturers obtained money that ultimately saved jobs and eased the unemployment rate from April's staggering 14.7% to May's still-excruciating 13.3%.

But more than \$140 billion in loan money remained unclaimed out of \$659 billion allocated by Congress. It will be up to Congress to decide what to do with any leftover funds, an SBA spokeswoman said.

Some banks rejected any companies that did not have multiple accounts. Sole proprietors and freelancers had to wait a week before applying, and many found they could not supply the kind of documents the government and banks demanded.

The program's biggest appeal was its promise that loans would be forgiven, but confusion abounded about requirements owners had to meet to get that forgiveness.

FHB Saipan branches update hours of operation

Effective today, July 1, all First Hawaiian Bank Saipan locations will have updated hours. They are the following:

■ Monday thru Friday: 9am-4pm

■ Saturday and Sunday: Closed

The first hour of the day will be dedicated for high-risk customers.

To protect the health and safety of its employees and customers, First Hawaiian Bank staff practice hygiene and social distancing behaviors which include limiting the number of customers within the branch and asking that customers maintain six feet distance between one another. The branches will continue to have enhanced cleaning and sanitization of all public areas, workstations and frequently touched surfaces in accordance with recommended guidance from local health department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Customers are also encouraged to consider alternative convenient banking options such as online and mobile banking for mobile deposits, making transfers, paying bills and viewing account balances. To enroll for Online and Mobile Banking, visit www.fhb.com/enroll.

Recognizing that this is an evolving situation and to help its customers stay informed, the bank has created a web page with current updates on

available banking services, what customers can do to prepare financially, as well as links to health and safety resources that provide guidelines on how to prevent community spread of the virus at www.fhb.com/COVID19. (PR)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANKPACIFIC, LTD.)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
ESTEBAN C. PALOMERO) CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-198C
and) NOTICE OF SALE
BARBARA S. PALOMERO) AKA
AKA)
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the Court in this matter on June 15, 2020, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property:

Lot No. 011 G 1080, containing an area of 815 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 24, 2020, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at JET Realty Bldg., Suite 204, P.O. Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950. The sale will be opened to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED: June 29, 2020.

SEMAN LAW OFFICES, LLC
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH)
DEVELOPMENT) CIVIL ACTION
AUTHORITY,) NO. 16-0236
Plaintiff,)
v.)
AMBROSE BENNETT,) AMENDED
individually and dba) NOTICE OF
LIL & BRO'S TRIKE) AUCTION
DEALERSHIP & RENTALS,)
AND JUAN T. LIZAMA)
Defendants.)

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **July 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 031 A 01, containing an area of 1,186 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 031 A 00 dated 20 February 1985, as File No. 85-0423.

This Amended Notice of Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **July 23, 2018**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Ambrose Bennett, individual and dba Lil and Bro's Trike Dealership & Rentals, and Juan T. Lizama.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. **Public Sale:** The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on July 14, 2020.

2. **With Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;

b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c. To reject any and all bids.

4. **Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person to Miller Law Office, LLC, through mail with the address of PMB 372, P.O. Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950; or through electronic mail to millerclmnlaw@protonmail.com.

5. **Deposit and Payment:** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten calendar (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check; payments may also be made by credit card with either Visa or Mastercard only, subject to a two percent (2%) processing fee. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which shall revert to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

6. **Change of Terms:** The auctioneer and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Defendant Pan-Marikai Development Corporation in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2020.

/s/
Charity R. Hodson, F0487
Attorney for CDA

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH)
DEVELOPMENT) CIVIL ACTION
AUTHORITY,) NO. 12-0004
Plaintiff,)
v.)
THE ESTATE OF) AMENDED
HERMAN T. PALACIOS) NOTICE OF
and THE ESTATE) AUCTION
ESTATE OF)
VICENTE C.)
CASTRO, et al.,)
Defendants.)

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Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 001 I 13, containing an area of 1,529 square meters, more or less, as described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 I 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 712, on the 1st day of March 1971, including all existing and future improvements on the said property.

This Amended Notice of Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 7, 2019**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Estate of Herman T. Palacios and Estate of Joycelyn C. Palacios.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

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Dated this 10th day of June, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH)
DEVELOPMENT) CIVIL ACTION
AUTHORITY,) NO. 11-0004
Plaintiff,)
v.)
ERIC B. ATALIG)
and LOURDES F.)
ATALIG,)
Defendants.)

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **July 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Tract No. 21769-R2-5 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-9 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-10 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

The foregoing properties contain a total area of 2,618 square meters, more or less. This Amended Notice of Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 12, 2017**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Eric B. Atalig and Lourdes F. Atalig.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

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Nation

States reverse openings, require masks amid virus resurgence

Arizona's Republican governor shut down bars, movie theaters, gyms and water parks Monday and leaders in several states ordered residents to wear masks in public in a dramatic course reversal amid an alarming resurgence of coronavirus cases nationwide.

Among those implementing the face-covering orders is the city of Jacksonville, Florida, where mask-averse President Donald Trump plans to accept the Republican nomination in August. Trump has refused to wear a mask during visits to states and businesses that require them.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey's order went into effect immediately and for at least 30 days. Ducey also ordered public schools to delay the start of classes until at least Aug. 17. Most Arizona bars and nightclubs opened after the governor's stay-at-home and business closure orders were allowed to expire in mid-May.

Arizona health officials reported 3,858 more confirmed coronavirus cases Sunday, the most reported in a single day in the state so far and the seventh time in the past 10 days that daily cases surpassed the 3,000 mark. Since the pandemic began, 74,500 cases and 1,588 deaths stemming from the virus have been reported in Arizona.

"Our expectation is that our numbers next week will be worse," Ducey said Monday.

The state is not alone in its reversal. Places such as Texas, Florida and California are backtracking, closing beaches



In this June 27, 2020, photo, people are tested in their vehicles in Phoenix's western neighborhood of Maryvale in Phoenix for free COVID-19 tests organized by Equality Health Foundation, which focuses on care in underserved communities.

and bars in some cases amid a resurgence of the virus.

In New Jersey, Gov. Phil Murphy announced Monday that he's postponing the restarting of indoor dining because people have not been wearing face masks or complying with recommendations for social distancing. New Jersey has been slowly reopening, and on Monday indoor shopping malls were cleared to start business again.

Democratic governors in Oregon and Kansas said Mon-

day that they would require people to wear masks. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's order will require people to wear face coverings in indoor public spaces starting Wednesday. Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly said she will issue an executive order mandating the use of masks in stores and shops, restaurants, and in any situation where social distancing of 6 feet (2 meters) cannot be maintained, including outside. The order goes into effect Friday.

"The evidence could not be

clearer: Wearing a mask is not only safe, but it is necessary to avoid another shutdown," Kelly said.

Idaho is moving in a different direction, at least when it comes to the elections. Despite the continuing spread of the virus, state elections officials said Monday that they would allow in-person voting — as well as mail-in ballots — for August primaries and the November general election, the Idaho Statesman reported. Idaho's May 19 primary was the first statewide election

held by mail only. The primary had record voter turnout.

In Texas, a group of bar owners sued on Monday to try to overturn Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's order closing their businesses. They contend Abbott doesn't have the authority, and they complained that other businesses, such as nail salons and tattoo studios, remain open.

"Gov. Abbott continues to act like a king," said Jared Woodfill, attorney for the bar owners. "Abbott is unilaterally destroying our economy

Serious coronavirus-linked condition hit 285 US children

At least 285 U.S. children have developed a serious inflammatory condition linked to the coronavirus and while most recovered, the potential for long-term or permanent damage is unknown, two new studies suggest.

The papers, published online Monday in the New England Journal of Medicine, provide the fullest report yet on the condition.

The condition is known as multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children. It is considered uncommon and deaths are rare; six children died among the 285 in the new studies.

Including cases in Europe, where it was first reported, about 1,000 children worldwide have been affected, a journal editorial said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's case definition includes current or recent COVID-19

infection or exposure to the virus; a fever of at least 100.4 for at least 24 hours; severe illness requiring hospitalization; inflammatory markers in blood tests, and evidence of problems affecting at least two organs that could include the heart, kidneys, lungs, skin or other nervous system.

Digestive symptoms including nausea and diarrhea are common. Some children may have symptoms resembling Kawasaki disease, a rare condition in children that can cause swelling and heart problems.

At least 35 states have had cases, and they seem to crop up a few weeks after local COVID-19 activity peaks, said Dr. Adrienne Randolph of Boston Children's Hospital. She is a lead researcher for a multistate study that includes CDC scientists. The second paper involved 99 children in New York state, where the first

and trampling on our constitutional rights."

But Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that Abbott is on the right path, and he added that Trump should order the wearing of masks.

"States that were recalcitrant ... are doing a 180, and you have the same states now wearing masks," Cuomo said. "Let the president have the same sense to do that as an executive order, and then let the president lead by example and let the president put a mask on it, because we know it works."

One of Cuomo's Republican counterparts, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, on a conference call with Vice President Mike Pence and members of the White House coronavirus task force, also asked Pence and Trump to issue a national call to wear masks.

Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has opposed a statewide mask requirement but said in response to Jacksonville's action that he will support local authorities who are doing what they think is appropriate.

In recent weeks, the Republicans moved some of the convention pageantry to Jacksonville after Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper of North Carolina objected to the holding of a large gathering in Charlotte without social-distancing measures.

Less than a week after Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry said there would be no mask requirement, city officials announced on Monday that coverings must be worn in "situations where individuals cannot socially distance."

U.S. cases occurred.

Combined, the papers show 285 cases from March thru mid to late May but Randolph said additional U.S. children have been diagnosed in June.

Most had current or recent COVID-19 infections but had previously been healthy.

About 80% of children in the multistate study had heart-related problems, which included coronary aneurysms—a bulge in a heart artery that can be fatal.

"Those need to be followed up," Randolph said. "This is a life-threatening concern for a lot of patients."

Most affected children had no other health condition but about 30% were obese. The condition also appears to disproportionately affect Latino and Black children and boys.

The average age was 8 years old. Researchers don't know if adults can be affected. (AP)

Judge warns of possible move of trial in George Floyd death

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Minnesota judge on Monday warned that he's likely to move the trials of four former police officers charged in George Floyd's death out of Minneapolis if public officials, attorneys and family members don't stop speaking out about the case.

Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill stopped short of issuing a gag order against attorneys on both sides, but he said he likely will if public statements continue that make it hard to find an impartial jury. Cahill said that would also make him likely to grant a change-of-venue motion if one is filed, as he anticipates.

"The court is not going to be happy about hearing comments on these three areas: merits, evidence and guilt or innocence," Cahill said.

It was the second pretrial hearing for the officers, who

were fired after Floyd's May 25 death. Derek Chauvin, 44, is charged with second-degree murder and other counts, while Thomas Lane, 37, J. Kueng, 26, and Tou Thao, 34, are charged with aiding and abetting Chauvin.

Floyd died after Chauvin, a white police officer, pressed his knee against the handcuffed 46-year-old Black man's neck for nearly eight minutes. The officers were responding to a call about a man trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill at a nearby store. Floyd's death sparked protests around the world.

Thao's attorney, Robert Paule, cited remarks from a variety of public officials saying they thought the officers were guilty, including President Donald Trump, Attorney General Keith Ellison and Mayor Jacob Frey.

Police Chief Medaria Aradondo has called Floyd's

Asia

Reports: China approves national security law for HK

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong media are reporting that China has approved a contentious law that would allow authorities to crack down on subversive and secessionist activity in Hong Kong, sparking fears that it would be used to curb opposition voices in the semi-autonomous territory.

The *South China Morning Post* newspaper and public broadcaster RTHK, both citing unnamed sources, said that the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress voted unanimously to approve a national security law for Hong Kong on Tuesday.

There was no official confirmation from the central government in Beijing or Hong Kong officials.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam declined to comment on the law at a weekly meeting with reporters, saying it was inappropriate for her to do so while the Standing Committee was still meeting.

She did say that once the law is passed, “the Hong Kong government will announce it and promulgate it for implementation here, and then I and my senior officials will do our best to respond to everyone’s questions, especially regarding the enforcement of this



AP Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam listens to reporter's question during a press conference in Hong Kong, Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

U.S. national security,” Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement. “We can no longer distinguish between the export of controlled items to Hong Kong or to mainland China. We cannot risk these items falling into the hands of the People’s Liberation Army, whose primary purpose is to uphold the dictatorship of the (ruling Communist Party) by any means necessary.”

The U.S. Senate on Thursday unanimously approved a bill to impose sanctions on businesses and individuals—including the police—that undermine Hong Kong’s autonomy or restrict freedoms promised to the city’s residents.

Britain says it could offer residency and possible citizenship to around 3 million of Hong Kong’s 7.5 million people.

China has denounced all such moves as gross interference in its internal affairs and foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian on Monday said Beijing has decided to retaliate with visa restrictions on “U.S. personnel who perform badly on Hong Kong related issues.”

Philippine police fatally shoot 4 army soldiers in south

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine policemen fatally shot four army soldiers, including two officers, who were trying to locate a suicide bomber Monday but were suspected of being criminals by the police in the volatile south, officials said.

Regional military commander Lt. Gen. Cirilito Sobejana said he asked the National Bureau of Investigation, Manila’s version of the FBI, to investigate the killings in Jolo town due to conflicting accounts of what happened. But Sobejana stood by the slain officers, saying they “were doing their job.”

“Whatever is the reason, they were shot by the policemen,” Sobejana told reporters. “We’re having that investigated.”

An initial military report seen by The Associated Press and accounts by two army officers said the four army intelligence men, including a major and a captain, were trying to locate a suspected foreign suicide bomber who was believed to be with local Abu Sayyaf militants when their SUV was stopped at a police checkpoint in Jolo.

national law.”

The legislation is aimed at curbing subversive, secessionist and terrorist activities, as well as foreign intervention in the city’s affairs. It follows months of anti-government protests that at times descended into violence

in Hong Kong last year.

The law has met with strong opposition within Hong Kong and condemnation from former colonial ruler Britain, the U.S., the European Union and others.

Human rights groups have

warned the law could target opposition politicians seen as insufficiently loyal to Beijing for arrest or disqualification from running in September elections for the Legislative Council.

Ahead of the announcement, the Trump administration said Monday it will bar defense exports to Hong Kong and will soon require licenses for the sale of items to Hong

Kong that have both civilian and military uses.

The administration has warned for weeks that if the law was passed, it would take action to end special U.S. trade and commercial preferences Hong Kong had enjoyed since reverting to Chinese rule in 1997.

“The United States is forced to take this action to protect

Companies prodded to rely less on China, but few respond

BEIJING (AP)—The United States, Japan and France are prodding their companies to rely less on China to make the world’s smartphones, drugs and other products. But even after the coronavirus derailed trade, few want to leave skilled China’s skilled workforce and efficient suppliers of raw materials to move to other countries.

Thousands of troops have been deployed to the predominantly Muslim province of Sulu, where Jolo is the capital, in recent years on orders of President Rodrigo Duterte to try to finish off the Abu Sayyaf. The group of a few hundred fighters has been labeled a terrorist organization by the United States and the Philippines for bombings, ransom kidnappings and beheadings.

Drug makers stand out as one industry that is trying to reduce reliance on Chinese suppliers by setting up sources of raw materials in the United States and Europe. But consumer electronics, medical devices and other industries are sticking with China.

“I don’t know of a single company right now that is moving ahead with any plans to move,” said Harley Seyer-din, president of the American

Chamber of Commerce in South China.

China’s explosive rise as the world’s low-cost factory helped to hold down consumer prices and boosted Western corporate profits. But it has fueled political tension over lost American and European blue collar jobs. Governments and industry consultants fret that dependence on China can be a threat to supply chains and possibly national security.

Chinese factories assemble most of the world’s smartphones and consumer electronics and a growing share of medical equipment, industrial robots and other high-tech goods. This country is a dominant supplier of vitamin C and ingredients for antibiotics and other medicines.

The ruling Communist Party has spent two decades building ports, railways, telecom networks and other facilities that are regarded as among the world’s best.

“China still offers an unparalleled supply chain for any industry,” said Jit Lim of Alvarez & Marsal, a management consulting firm.

Philip Richardson, who manufactures loudspeakers in Panyu, near Hong Kong, said he has looked at Vietnam and other countries. But he said while their wages might be as low as 60% of China’s, the savings will be eaten up by the cost of giving up his network of Chinese suppliers.

“We gave it consideration for about a minute, and it doesn’t make sense,” said Richardson, who has worked in China for 22 years. “When you buy magnets, now you have to pay for transportation and customs duties into other countries, whereas in China we just buy the magnets and they are shipping to us.”

President Donald Trump took office in 2017 promising to “bring back our jobs.” The next year’s tariff hikes on goods from China in a fight over technology and trade prompted some exporters to shift production. But changes were small. Most went to other developing countries.

The pandemic has raised political pressure for companies to move.

They identified themselves to the policemen but were later fired upon by them, the military report said.

An army officer with knowledge of what happened told the AP that after identifying themselves to the police, the army intelligence men left but were tailed by a van of policemen. Sensing that they were being followed, the soldiers stopped their SUV and one of the officers got out with both of his hands up, apparently to indicate he had no hostile intent.

But the policemen opened fire and killed the four soldiers for still unexplained reasons, said the army officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the delicate nature of what transpired. When the police left, other army officers arrived and found their colleagues already dead, the army officer said.

An initial police report, however, had a different account.

It said Jolo policemen were on patrol with anti-illegal drug agents in the town’s Bus-Bus village when they spotted the SUV with “four armed male persons,” whom they stopped. The four were

The Abu Sayyaf, which includes factions aligned with the Islamic State group, has been weakened considerably by battle setbacks, surrenders and infighting but remains a national security threat.

World

EU finalizing virus ‘safe list,’ US unlikely to make the cut

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union is edging toward finalizing a list of countries whose citizens will be allowed to enter Europe again in coming days, with Americans almost certain to be excluded in the short term due to the number of U.S. coronavirus cases.

Spain's foreign minister said that the list could contain 15 countries that are not EU members and whose citizens would be allowed to visit from July 1. EU diplomats confirmed that the list would be made public on Tuesday. The diplomats spoke on condition

of anonymity because the procedure is ongoing and politically very sensitive.

EU envoys in Brussels worked over the weekend to narrow down the exact criteria for countries to be included, mostly centered on their ability to manage the spread of the disease. Importantly, the countries are also expected to drop any travel restrictions they have imposed on European citizens.

The number of confirmed cases in the United States has surged over the past week, and President Donald Trump

also suspended the entry of all people from Europe's ID check-free travel zone in a decree in March, making it highly unlikely that U.S. citizens would qualify.

Infection rates in Brazil, Russia and India are high, too, and their nationals are also unlikely to make the cut.

Spanish Foreign Minister Arancha González Laya said the EU is considering whether to accept travelers from China if Beijing lifts restrictions on European citizens. Morocco is another possibility, although its government doesn't plan to

open borders until July 10.

She said she wasn't aware of pressure from the United States for the EU to reopen travel to its nationals, adding that countries have been chosen according to their coronavirus statistics—whether similar or not to that in the EU—trends of contagion and how reliable their data is.

“This is not an exercise to be nice or unfriendly to other countries, this is an exercise of self-responsibility,” she told Spain's Cadena SER radio on Monday.

The safe country list would

be reviewed every 14 days, with new countries being added and some possibly dropping off, depending on how the spread of the disease is being managed. Non-EU nationals already in the bloc wouldn't be affected.

More than 15 million Americans are estimated to travel to Europe annually, and any delay would be a further blow to virus-ravaged economies and tourism sectors on both sides of the Atlantic. Around 10 million Europeans are thought to cross the Atlantic for vacations and business each year.

The 27 EU nations and four other countries that are part of Europe's “Schengen area”—a 26-nation bloc where goods and people move freely without

out document checks—appear on track to reopen borders between each other from Wednesday.

Once that happens and the green light is given, restrictions on nonessential travel to Europe from the outside world, which were imposed in March to halt new virus cases from entering, would gradually be lifted.

Brussels fears that opening up to countries outside in an ad hoc way could lead to the reintroduction of border controls between nations inside the Schengen area, threatening once again Europe's cherished principle of free movement, which allows people and goods to cross borders without checks.



In this Monday, May 25, 2020 file photo, people stroll at Trocadero square near the Eiffel Tower in Paris. AP

UN and West spar with Russia over cross-border aid to Syria

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. humanitarian chief warned Monday that a halt to cross-border aid deliveries to the last rebel stronghold in Syria would cause “suffering and death,” but Syria’s ally Russia accused the U.N. and Western nations of trying to “sabotage” assistance from within Syria.

Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Mark Lowcock told the U.N. Security Council that an estimated 2.8 million people in the rebel-held northwest—70 percent of the region’s population—require humanitarian assistance, with growing economic hardship aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said two-thirds of the northwest’s population is displaced, the vast majority sheltering in camps and informal settlements where malnutrition rates have been rising in past months. Almost three in

every 10 children in the region under the age of five suffer from stunting, “a condition likely to impact irreversibly their physical and cognitive development,” he said.

Lowcock said delivery of aid through two crossing points from Turkey enabled 1,781 trucks primarily carrying food for 1.3 million people to get to the mainly rebel-held northwest in May, which is still “far from sufficient.” He said more children and infants are arriving at nutrition centers “showing signs of chronic and acute malnutrition,” and some mothers say they are cooking weeds to supplement food rations.

“The northwest continues to suffer a major humanitarian crisis,” Lowcock said. “The cross-border operation needs to be scaled up further.”

He said the Security Council’s failure to extend cross-border deliveries would halt

the U.N. operation from Turkey and “it would cause suffering and death.”

Russia holds the key to future cross-border operations.

It contends cross-border aid was meant to be a temporary response to the nine-year Syrian conflict and the situation on the ground has changed.

In January, Russia scored a victory for Syria, using its veto threat to force the Security Council to adopt a resolution reducing the number of crossing points for aid deliveries from four to just two, from Turkey to the northwest. It also cut in half the year-long mandate that had been in place since cross-border deliveries began in 2014 to six months, as Russia insisted.

Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said at Monday’s council meeting that cross-border aid is not the “magic bullet” for humanitarian problems in Syria but “has

become a political tool for drawing lines of division inside Syria.”

He said cross-border deliveries are “incompatible with international law and humanitarian principles”

Even more disturbing, Nebenzia said, is that cross-border aid delivery “is used as a leverage against cross-line and as pretext and excuse not to engage seriously in humanitarian deliveries from within Syria.”

“That, in our view, borders with sabotage,” the Russian ambassador said. “And this is not just a slogan. We have concrete facts that we can present.”

A proposed U.N. resolution drafted by Germany and Belgium would maintain two border crossing points from Turkey to the northwest and reopen an Iraqi crossing to the northeast for a year to deliver medical supplies for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Egypt seeks UN resolution on Nile dam dispute with Ethiopia

UNITED NATIONS

(AP)—Egypt’s foreign minister urged the U.N. Security Council on Monday to adopt a resolution giving international clout to efforts to resolve a dispute over the Ethiopia’s new hydroelectric dam on the Blue Nile which he said endangers the lives of 150 million Egyptians and Sudanese.

Sameh Shoukry said the draft resolution is in line with the outcome of an African Union summit on Friday where the leaders of Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia agreed to return to talks aimed at reaching an agreement over the filling of the \$4.6 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, known by its initials GERD.

“This draft resolution is not intended to preempt or forestall any negotiations but to express at the highest levels the deep interests of the international community in reaching an agreement on the GERD and its appreciation of the dangers of acts of unilateralism in this matter,” he said.

Shoukry said the proposed resolution encourages the three countries to reach an agreement within two weeks and not take any unilateral measures in relation to the dam, and it “emphasizes the important role of the U.N. secretary-general in this regard.”

Hours after the AU agreement was announced, the Ethiopian prime minister’s office said in a statement Saturday that it is set to begin filling the dam in

within the next two weeks and that construction will continue. It said this is in line with the agreement.

Egypt and Sudan had said Ethiopia would refrain from filling the dam next month until the countries reached a deal.

Both Egypt and Sudan appealed to the Security Council to intervene in the years-long dispute, which has seen bellicose rhetoric and escalating tensions, and to help the countries avert a crisis. Monday’s virtual council meeting was held in response.

The 15 Security Council all expressed support for the AU action in reviving talks, but took no immediate action.

Egypt, which relies on the Nile for more than 90% of its water supplies and already faces high water stress, fears a devastating impact on its booming population of 100 million. Sudan, which also depends on the Nile for water, has played a key role in bringing the two sides together after the collapse of U.S.-mediated talks in February.

Filling the dam without an agreement could bring the stand-off to a critical juncture. Both Egypt and Ethiopia have hinted at military steps to protect their interests, and experts fear a breakdown in talks could lead to open conflict.

Sudan’s U.N. Ambassador Omer Mohamed Sidig called for the Security Council to take note of the African Union’s effort.

Good Housekeeping

By Ben Mims
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Several years ago, my partner and I spent a month in San Antonio, where his family lives. We were both unemployed at the time, so we spent the days driving around the city, exploring and eating all the wonderful food. We consumed a lot of chili.

We ate the "authentic" kind, consisting of cubed beef chuck or sirloin cooked in a mole-like gravy of hydrated and pureed dried chiles, and we ate plenty of the Tex-Mex kind, in which ground beef stands in for cubed and is seasoned with ground chili powder made from a mix of dried chiles, but often of the New Mexico varietal.

Beans and tomatoes—highly contentious ingredients to add to chili in Texas—were found in several iterations we tried. After sampling so many, we decided that the ground beef version with beans—but with tomato paste and not canned tomatoes—was our favorite. It has been a staple of our quick weeknight dinners ever since.

ON GARDENING:

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

In an area of Japan where the mophead or bigleaf hydrangea, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, grows wild along the coast line, there is something magical happening higher up in the chilly mountains. This is the home of the mountain hydrangea, *Hydrangea serrata*.

You might have been under the idea the mophead or bigleaf hydrangeas were from France, as they are most often called French hydrangea.

You might also be under the mistaken idea that you need a cool mountaintop to grow these extraordinary hydrangeas but this is simply not the case. Tim Wood with Spring Meadows Nursery has been breeding and selecting mountain hydrangeas, several of which are incredible and fall under the Tuff Stuff series of Proven Winners.

How tuff or tough are they, you ask? My friend Dr. Gary Knox with the University of Florida has been wowed by Tuff Stuff performance, habit and reblooming at the Gardens of the Big Bend in Quincy, Fla. He is also finding success with Tuff Stuff Red that is purple there by virtue of soil pH, and the Tiny Tuff Stuff that is

Chili, the way you like it, is the easiest route to dinner



(BEN MIMS/LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS)

Lots of crunchy, sharp and creamy toppings turn a simple bowl of beef and chili into dinner in an instant.

Shredded sharp cheddar or Colby jack cheese, sour cream, diced avocado or guacamole, diced red onion and thinly sliced scallions, for serving

1. Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the beef, season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring to break it up, until no longer pink, 4 to 5 minutes. Sprinkle over the chili powder, oregano, cumin and paprika and cook, stirring, until the spices are toasted in the fat, about 1 minute. Add the tomato paste, and cook, stirring, until lightly caramelized, 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Sprinkle the flour over the beef and cook, stirring, to cook off the raw flavor of the flour, about 1 minute. Pour in the beans, liquid and all, then pour the stock into the can of beans to help loosen any stuck beans and rinse the rest of the liquid out of the can; pour it into the pan. Stir everything to combine, then bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened and slightly reduced, about 15 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and season again with salt and pepper.
3. Serve the chili in bowls and top with cheese, a dollop of sour cream, avocado, red onion and scallions.

EASY BEEF AND BEAN CHILI

Time: 30 minutes

Yields: Serves 4

You can use this recipe for a simple chili and then flavor it in different ways. Experiment with single ground chiles in place of the mixed chili powder; ground coriander along with the cumin; or smoked paprika for smoky depth and an extra rich red color. Whichever way you choose, keep it simple so the spices shine through. You can also use ground lamb, bison or turkey instead of beef, or vegan meat substitutes such as Beyond Meat. For chili cheese hot dogs, fries or nachos, use this chili and top with finely shredded cheddar cheese.

Variations:
No-Bean Chili: Omit the beans and their liquid and double the beef for a total of 2 pounds.
Vegan Chili: Substitute 1 pound Beyond Meat for the ground beef and substitute vegetable stock, mushroom broth or water for the beef stock.
Seasoned Ground Beef for Tacos: Cook the recipe through Step 1, then remove from the heat and season with salt and pepper. Use as a filling for tacos.
Make Ahead:
The chili will keep in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Mountain hydrangeas

offer landscape exquisite beauty



(NORMAN WINTER/TNS)
In a garden of hydrangeas none is any prettier than Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha mountain hydrangea.

more compact.

The Garden Guy has about 25 hydrangeas in his landscape in Midland, Ga. I have *Hydrangea macrophylla* varieties, *H. panicu-*

lata selections, and a couple of *H. arborescens* but it is the *Hydrangea serrata* Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha that has completely blown me away with not only its beauty, but the size of

blooms.

They are so beautiful I try almost every day to capture it in a photograph. It should be rather simple but nothing I do tells the story of my passion for this plant. I'll keep trying. In the landscape they will need shade in the hot afternoon. Moist, fertile well-drained soil will give you the green thumb with this plant.

Recently I have created a winding river-like planting of variegated Shadowland Etched Glass hostas through the hydrangeas. The dark green and bright yellow variegation in combination with the Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha blue flowers is nothing short of a dream come true. I mentioned the re-blooming in the Florida trials and this is a hallmark with not only Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha but all of the series. My first flowers are beginning to diminish and new blooms forming throughout the plant.

There is a large area of the country that can plant the Tuff Stuff mountain hydrangeas as they are recommended for zones 5-9. So, let the search commence now and this weekend, let the planting begin.

Life & Style

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ing the auction be halted.

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Carolina and author of "The Expanding News Desert" report released Wednesday.

The report does not cover the coronavirus shutdown, which has led to 35 newspapers across the country shutting down the past few months. Also lost: a chain of 14 community newspapers around Chicago, according to the Poynter Institute think tank.

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"I can't think of any precedent for that," said Dan Fagin, director of New York University's Science, Health and Environmental Reporting program, and a former reporter. "There's a reason why that number is so low. Honestly, what disturbs even more is that there is 30% of the public who think they can believe the president on this."

The president, along with some other leaders, were criticized initially for not taking the threat seriously, for delivering misinformation about potential treatments and, even today, delivering mixed messages on the need for masks and social

distancing.

Even though Trump was a polarizing figure before the health crisis, he had a chance to get Americans to rally behind him by offering solid, consistent information, said David Ropeik, retired Harvard University professor and author of "How Risky Is It, Anyway? Why Our Fears Don't Always Match the Facts."

He cited former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks as an example of a leader people rallied behind in a time of crisis.

"Trust is an intuitive sense of who we think is on our side, and that is why risk communication is really crucial in a time like this," Ropeik said. "That is why the federal government has blown this and many of the state governments haven't."

The Pew survey found dramatic differences in how the public assessed key sources of information on coronavirus, said Amy Mitchell,

Pew's director of journalism research.

A little more than half of those surveyed (53%) trusted the accuracy of informa-

tion they were getting from governors or state leaders, with 44% believing the news media. Trust numbers were higher for local media sources, Pew said.

Nearly 2 of 3 Americans said they had confidence in the information they were getting from the Centers for Disease Control and other health organizations.

"What is encouraging is that people do have great faith in public health experts," Fagin said. "That's why Anthony Fauci's role is so important and that it's a great blessing that he's been involved in all of this."

Ropeik said social media has muddied the waters with misinformation. That's illustrated by Pew's finding that 71% of Americans had heard the conspiracy theory that the virus outbreak had been intentionally planned, and that 36% said that is probably or definitely true.

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Three in 10 Americans say they trust President Donald Trump and his administration to get the facts straight all or most of the time when talking about COVID-19, the Pew Research Center said.

"I can't think of any precedent for that," said Dan Fagin, director of New York University's Science, Health and Environmental Reporting program, and a former reporter. "There's a reason why that number is so low. Honestly, what disturbs even more is that there is 30% of the public who think they can believe the president on this."

The president, along with some other leaders, were criticized initially for not taking the threat seriously, for delivering misinformation about potential treatments and, even today, delivering mixed messages on the need for masks and social

distancing.

Even though Trump was a polarizing figure before the health crisis, he had a chance to get Americans to rally behind him by offering solid, consistent information, said David Ropeik, retired Harvard University professor and author of "How Risky Is It, Anyway? Why Our Fears Don't Always Match the Facts."

He cited former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks as an example of a leader people rallied behind in a time of crisis.

"Trust is an intuitive sense of who we think is on our side, and that is why risk communication is really crucial in a time like this," Ropeik said. "That is why the federal government has blown this and many of the state governments haven't."

The Pew survey found dramatic differences in how the public assessed key sources of information on coronavirus, said Amy Mitchell,

Pew's director of journalism research.

A little more than half of those surveyed (53%) trusted the accuracy of informa-

tion they were getting from governors or state leaders, with 44% believing the news media. Trust numbers were higher for local media sources, Pew said.

Nearly 2 of 3 Americans said they had confidence in the information they were getting from the Centers for Disease Control and other health organizations.

"What is encouraging is that people do have great faith in public health experts," Fagin said. "That's why Anthony Fauci's role is so important and that it's a great blessing that he's been involved in all of this."

Ropeik said social media has muddied the waters with misinformation. That's illustrated by Pew's finding that 71% of Americans had heard the conspiracy theory that the virus outbreak had been intentionally planned, and that 36% said that is probably or definitely true.

Among people who cite the president and his administration as their primary source of information about the coronavirus, 56% of Pew's respondents said they believed that theory, which is unsupported by evidence.

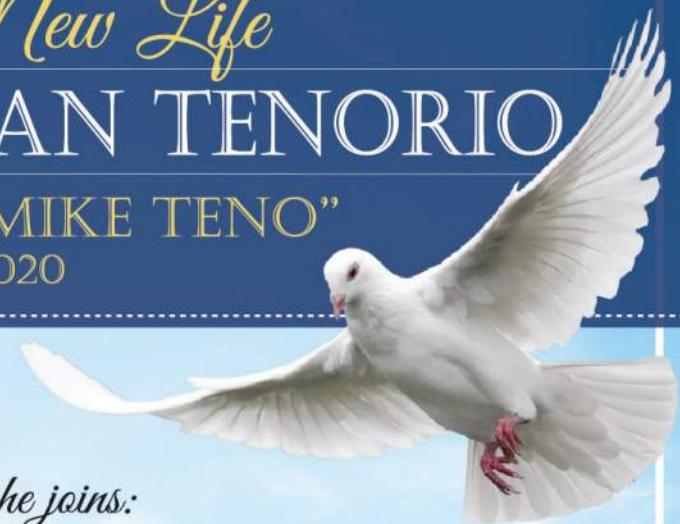


In Celebration Of His New Life

PETER MICHAEL PANGELINAN TENORIO

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "MIKE TENO"

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In his new life, he joins:

FATHER: †Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio

GRANDPARENTS: †Blas and †Guadalupe Pangelinan Tenorio
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Pangelinan/ †Magdalena T. Pangelinan

PARENTS IN LAW: †Cecilio and +Gloria Alindog Gonzales

He will be in the hearts and lives of his:

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CHILDREN: SOPHIA MICHAEL

PETER MICHAEL JR.

EXEQUIEL

MOTHER: SOPHIA P. TENORIO

BROTHERS/SISTERS AND IN-LAWS:

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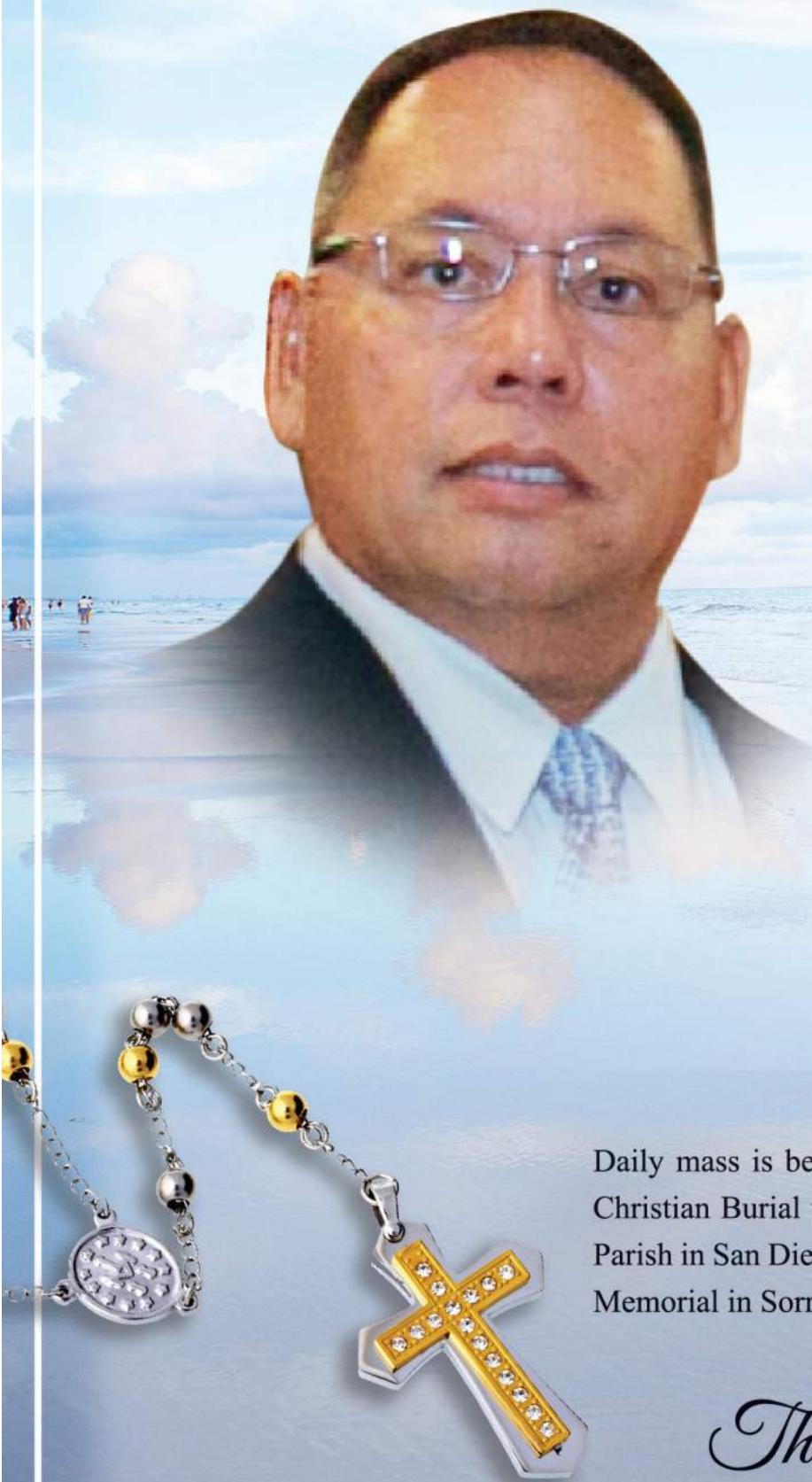
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Daily mass is being offered at 6am at the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am on July 6, 2020 at St. Therese Parish in San Diego, California followed by interment services at the El Camino Memorial in Sorrento Valley.

Thank You,

JACQUELINE G. TENORIO, CHILDREN, AND FAMILY



Anonymous sources in documentaries have often been reduced to a shadowy, voice-distorted figure—or worse, a pixelated blur.

But a new documentary premiering Tuesday on HBO has, with the aid of advanced digital technology, gone to greater lengths to preserve the secrecy of its sources while still conveying their humanity.

"Welcome to Chechnya," directed by David France, is about an underground pipeline created to rescue LGBTQ Chechens from the Russian republic where the government has for several years waged a crackdown on gays. In the predominantly Muslim region in southern Russia ruled by strongman Ramzan Kadyrov, LGBTQ Chechens have been detained, tortured and killed.

France, the filmmaker behind "How to Survive a Plague" and "The Death and Life of Mar-

sha P. Johnson," worked in secrecy with the Russian LGBT Network, a group formed to help save gay Chechens and find them asylum abroad. But France had a dilemma. He couldn't reveal the identities, or the faces, of his main characters. Their lives depended on staying anonymous.

Yet France still wanted to faithfully show the trials they were enduring. This was a tragedy that needed a face. That meant none of the old methods of cloaking anonymous sources would work.

"They were dehumanizing," France said in an interview. "I believe one of the reasons we haven't been hearing about this ongoing crime against humanity in the south of Russia is because we haven't been able to hear from the people and see the people who have suffered this unspeakable torture. When the only testimony

Using 'face doubles,' a new doc captures an anti-LGBTQ purge

of a crime of this magnitude comes from people who are behind a curtain, it lacks the empathy of the public that this story truly deserves."

France didn't know how he would resolve the issue, but he promised those he shot that he would somehow disguise them. After searching and testing a range of approaches, France settled on a novel one: In "Welcome to Chechnya," the faces of all the LGBTQ Chechens have been replaced using artificial intelligence. It's a little like the documentary answer to "The Irishman" or a more altruistic version of

a "deepfake."

The faces seen in "Welcome to Chechnya" belong, in fact, to 22 volunteers whose faces were superimposed on the people in the film. Most of them are LGBTQ activists in New York. The "face doubles" were shot on a blue screen stage and converted into algorithms that, with machine learning, could digitally mask the subjects of the film. Different voices were substituted, too.

"Nobody had ever really attempted this before," said France. "And most people said it was impossible. It turned out it was pretty close to impos-

sible but not impossible."

The technology was developed by software architect Ryan Laney. And its implementation was decided through a study organized by Dartmouth College professor Thalia Wheatley, an expert in brain sciences. She showed 109 students different visual effects options of "Welcome to Chechnya" to determine which one conveyed empathy the best and avoided an "uncanny valley" effect. (Another less successful option was using filters to render the film's individuals cartoon-like caricatures.)

Still, adding the face doubles throughout the film was a grueling, months-long process that only concluded a week before the premiere of "Welcome to Chechnya" at the Sundance Film Festival in January. "The Irishman," by

comparison, altered its actors' faces in highly planned scenes with carefully orchestrated camera movement. France's documentary was full of erratic movements of both camera and people.

Every step of the way, France and his editors worked on encryption drives, and never let their original footage with real faces touch the internet or even a computer that had previously been connected to the internet. They edited in what France calls a windowless bunker in Los Angeles.

"It added a lot of time to our work," said France, "But it reminded us everyday what the stakes were and what it meant to be the people whose lives were shared with us and entrusted us in sharing their lives with a wider audience." (AP)

Netflix series to dramatize Kaepernick's path to activism

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Colin Kaepernick is joining with Emmy-winning filmmaker Ava DuVernay on a Netflix drama series about the teenage roots of the former NFL player's activism.

"Colin in Black & White" will examine Kaepernick's high school years to illuminate the experiences that shaped his advocacy, Netflix said Monday.

"Too often we see race and Black stories portrayed through a white lens," Kaepernick said in a statement. "We seek to give new perspective to the differing realities that Black people face. We explore the racial conflicts I faced as an adopted Black man in a white community, during my high school years."

Kaepernick, born to a white

mother and Black father, was adopted in Wisconsin by a white couple who moved to California when he was a child.

In 2016, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback began kneeling during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial inequality, drawing both support and criticism, with his detractors including President Donald Trump. Kaepernick became a free agent in 2017 but went unsigned.

Writing on the six-episode series was completed in May, the streaming service said. DuVernay, writer Michael Starrbury and Kaepernick are the executive producers. Kaepernick will appear as himself as the limited series' narrator, Netflix said.

Further casting details and a

release date were not immediately announced.

Kaepernick called it an honor to collaborate with DuVernay, whose credits include the award-winning "When They See Us," which dramatized the Central Park Five case, and the Oscar-nominated documentary "13th."

"With his act of protest, Colin Kaepernick ignited a nationwide conversation about race and justice with far-reaching consequences for football, culture and for him, personally," DuVernay said in a statement. "Colin's story has much to say about identity, sports and the enduring spirit of protest and resilience."

Kaepernick, who led the 49ers to the Super Bowl following the 2012 season, filed a grievance against the league

in 2017, contending teams colluded to keep him out. The sides reached an undisclosed settlement in 2019.

The 32-year-old Kaepernick still wants an opportunity to play. A workout in Atlanta last November that was organized by the NFL turned chaotic and resulted in no job offers.

In the aftermath of nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell apologized to players for not listening to them earlier and encouraged them to protest peacefully. Goodell says he's encouraged teams to sign Kaepernick.

"This young man is talented enough to play in the National Football League," league executive Troy Vincent said recently.

LONDON (AP)—A U.K. High Court judge ruled Monday that actor Johnny Depp violated a court order by failing to disclose evidence relating to his drug use to lawyers for British tabloid The Sun, which he is suing for libel.

Judge Andrew Nicol deferred a decision on whether to throw out Depp's claim against The Sun as a result. He said he would rule as soon as possible.

Depp is suing the newspaper's publisher, News Group Newspapers, and Executive Editor Dan Wootton over a 2018 article claiming the actor was violent and abusive to his ex-wife, Amber Heard.

Depp strongly denies being violent, and the emotionally charged case has drawn in celebrities including Depp's ex-partners Vanessa Paradis and Winona Ryder and Heard's former paramour Elon Musk.

The trial is due to open at the High Court in London on July 7. But The Sun's lawyers argue the case should be dismissed because Depp failed to disclose text messages he exchanged with an assistant showing that he tried to buy "MDMA and other narcotics" while he was in Australia with Heard in 2015.

The newspaper's lawyer, Adam Wolanski, said withholding the texts was a breach of a previous court order requiring Depp to provide all documents from separate libel proceedings against Heard in the United States. He said the lapse endangered the defendants' ability to get a fair trial.

Judge Nicol ruled Monday that Depp had breached the disclosure order, and found that "the Australian drug texts were adverse to the claimant's pleaded case and/or were supportive of the defendants' pleaded case."

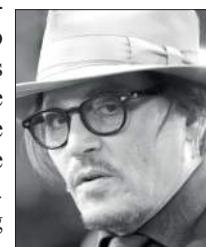
He did not immediately throw out the case, allowing Depp's lawyers to argue why the trial should go ahead.

Depp's lawyer, David Sherborne, said it would be "wholly disproportionate" to scuttle the case.

"The central matter in dispute in these proceedings is whether or not the claimant committed multiple acts of serious unprovoked physical violence during his relationship with Amber Heard, causing her significant injuries and to be put in fear for her life," he said. "It is now time for the defendants to have to prove what they published."



In this combination photo, filmmaker Ava DuVernay appears at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Feb. 9, 2020, left, and Colin Kaepernick attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala in New York on May 6, 2019.



Depp

Kim Kardashian West sells stake in beauty brand for \$200M

NEW YORK (AP)—Kim Kardashian West is selling a stake in her beauty brand for \$200 million, in a deal that values the TV reality star's three-year-old business at \$1 billion.

The buyer is Covergirl owner Coty Inc., which will get a 20% stake in KKW Beauty. Coty seems to be enamored with the Kardashians: Last year, it bought a 51% stake in the makeup line started by Kardashian West's younger

sister, Kylie Jenner.

"Kim is a true modern day global icon," said Coty CEO Peter Harf, which is similar to what he said about Jenner in November.

Kardashian West, who stars on the

long-running reality TV show "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," founded KKW Beauty in 2017 and tapped into



her hundreds of millions of social media followers to sell lip gloss, body foundation and perfume.

The 39-year-old will still promote KKW Beauty online and will help create new products.

Coty plans to expand the brand into more countries around the world and possibly into other categories, like

skin creams and shampoos. It also hopes that the buzzy brand can help boost sales and connect with younger shoppers who spend a lot of time on social media.

Coty's brands, including Max Factor makeup and Sally Hansen nail polish, can't compete with KKW Beauty's reach. Max Factor, for example, has 585,000 Instagram followers. KKW Beauty has 4.4 million.

AMC pushes back movie theater reopening by 2 weeks

AMC Theaters, the nation's largest chain, is pushing back its plans to begin reopening theaters by two weeks following the closure because of COVID-19. The company said Monday that it would open approximately 450 U.S. locations on July 30 and the remaining 150 the following week.

The company had planned to begin opening theaters in mid-July, but last week the July theatrical release calendar was effectively wiped clean when Disney and Warner Bros. decided to delay the releases of "Mulan" and "Tenet" to August dates.

AMC CEO and President Adam Aron said that its general managers across the U.S. started working full time Monday to get their buildings ready to reopen.

"We continue to devote extraordinary resources into our plan to operate our theaters with a hyper commitment to the safety and health of our guests and associates," Aron



In this April 29, 2020 file photo, the AMC sign appears at AMC Burbank 16 movie theater complex in Burbank, Calif.

said in a statement.

Most indoor U.S. theaters have been closed since mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic. But both independent locations and major chains are readying to reopen

within the next month.

However plans could continue to change given the surge of cases in a number of states. Last week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said New York would delay reopening cin-

emas while it continued to research the safety of indoor, air-conditioned venues."

AMC expects its approximately 1,000 worldwide locations to be open by early August. (AP)

Despite pandemic, MTV VMAs to take place Aug. 30 in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP)—The 2020 MTV Video Music Awards will still go ahead despite the coronavirus pandemic.

An MTV spokesperson confirmed to The Associa-

ated Press on Monday that the show will take place Aug. 30 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo made the announce-

ment during a briefing Monday, explaining that "the event will follow all safety guidance, including limited or no audience."

The announcement comes a day after BET successfully

aired its virtual awards show on Sunday, which featured a number of highly produced pre-taped performances from DaBaby, Megan Thee Stallion, Summer Walker and more artists.

Coty, which expects the deal to close next year, didn't reveal any sales data for KKW Beauty. Shares of New York-based Coty rose more than 13% to close at \$4.74 Monday.

It's been a busy summer for Kardashian West's family. On Friday, her husband Kanye West announced a deal to design fashions for the Gap under his Yeezy brand.

World leaders, stars unite at event aimed at fighting virus

LONDON (AP)—A

summit that included a star-studded virtual concert hosted by Dwayne Johnson has raised nearly \$7 billion in cash and loan guarantees to assist the poor around the globe whose lives have been upended by the coronavirus pandemic.



Johnson

Global Citizen said its summit with world leaders had raised \$1.5 billion to help COVID-19 efforts in poor countries, along with a promise of 250 million doses of a vaccine for those nations if one is successfully developed.

The group said it had secured \$5.4 billion in loans and guarantees from the European Commission and the European Investment Bank to support fragile economies worldwide.

The event included a Johnson-hosted concert with performances by Jennifer Hudson, Miley Cyrus, Coldplay and Chloe x Halle. Cyrus performed The Beatles' "Help!" in an empty stadium and Hudson performed "Where Peaceful Waters Flow" from a boat in Chicago.

"The \$6.9 billion that was pledged today to support the world's poorest and most marginalized communities is an incredible next step on our journey out of the COVID-19 era, but there is more still to be done, as no one is

safe until everyone is safe," Hugh Evans, CEO of Global Citizen, said after the event Saturday.

"As we fight this virus, we also need to take care of the most vulnerable people and address the challenges they're facing right now," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said during the event.

Speakers also included the leaders of New Zealand, El Salvador, Sweden, South Africa and Barbados.

Organizers said the show was not just a fundraiser, but aimed to draw awareness to the disproportionate impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on marginalized communities.

French President Emmanuel Macron said shared action was needed to defeat the virus.

"Let's mobilize, let's refuse an 'every man for himself' approach, let's continue to move forward together. France and Europe take their responsibility today and will do so tomorrow," Macron said.

Worldwide, nearly 10 million people have been reported infected by the virus, and nearly a half million have died, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Experts say those figures seriously underestimate the true toll of the pandemic, due to limited testing and missed mild cases.

Man's attraction to bartender causes town tongues to wag

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 43 years, an alcoholic, has started going to the local grill/bar in our small town. He spends three to four hours there, six days a week. He would go more often if they were open on Sundays.

People who know us tell me things that have been going on between a single bartender and him. This bartender has given him gifts, and I heard he overtips her. I have also been told there's more going on than the outward flirting, and my husband has been saying bad things about me.

The bartender is not a young woman, and she tells anyone who will listen that she's looking for a man. I have asked my husband nicely to stop going there, and he does for a few days, until her calls and posts on Facebook start about me "keeping him from going to the bar." When he gets home, he continues drinking until he passes out.

I have told him that if he gets a DUI and goes to jail, I won't bail him out. He doesn't really care, and I don't know what to do. Help!

DISASTER IN GEORGIA

DEAR DISASTER: Your signature is correct. Your marriage IS a disaster. As long as your husband continues to drink, nothing will improve. Keep uppermost in your mind that, as much as you might want to, you cannot change him.

Contact a divorce lawyer and find out what you need

to do to protect yourself financially. And join an Al-Anon group. There may be more than one near you. When you do, you may find not only some much-needed emotional support but also perspective. I am sorry for what you are experiencing, but once you attend a meeting, you will find you are not alone and that there is a way out.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single 30-year-old female who is child-free. (I never wanted kids, ever!) My personal stance and views on the subject are well-known by my co-workers, all of whom have children.

I share an office with "Elise," who's about 18 years older than I am. Over the years, she has made remarks such as, "You have no right to be tired. You don't have kids!" or "You don't count because you don't have kids!" or "You're not a real adult because you don't have the responsibility of having kids" (my favorite).

How do I deal with her, or what do I say to counter her remarks? When she makes them, it hurts my feelings. I don't react because I know if I do it will hurt her feelings and cause friction in the office, which I don't need. But I'm sick to death of people like her who have children saying those things about people like me.

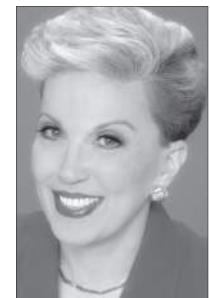
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DEAR FREE: Your co-worker appears to be voicing her

DEAR ABBY

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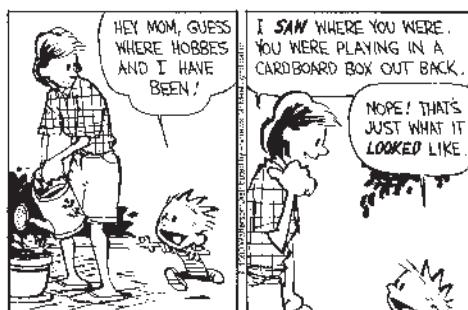
frustrations about the responsibilities of parenthood and somewhat jealous that you are free of them. The next time she hurts your feelings, it would not be overreacting to tell her that she has and ask her for an apology.

If she's doing it hoping to get a rise out of you, ignore her. But if it persists, as a last resort, talk to your boss or human resources about it because she's creating a hostile work environment. (It's the truth.) She should be talking with you about work, not her personal opinions about you.

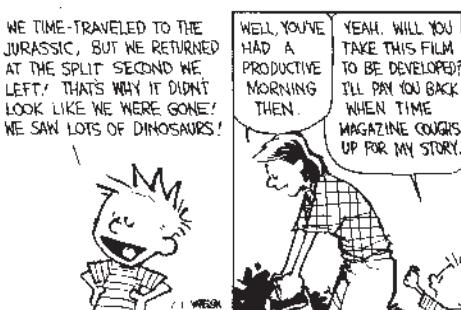
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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson



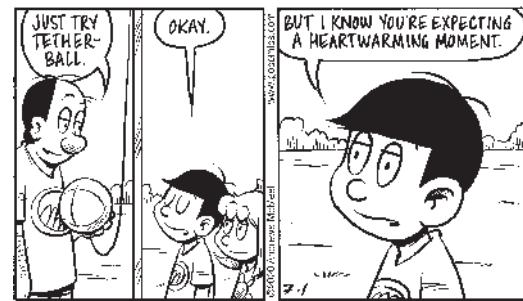
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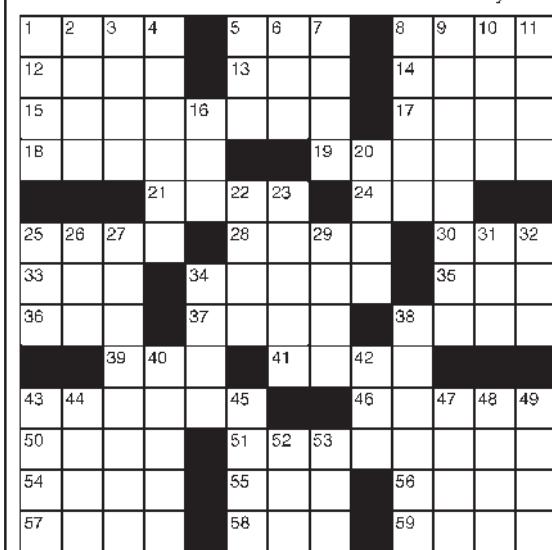
By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 7-1



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Liv Tyler, 43; Missy Elliott, 49; Pamela Anderson, 53; Dan Aykroyd, 68.

Happy Birthday: It's time to take a step forward. A change will turn out to be the best thing that ever happened to you. Get ready to embrace opportunities that give you creative freedom to explore and develop projects and interests that excite you. Growth, enlightenment and finding your way in a changing world will help you find your comfort zone. Your numbers are 7, 15, 23, 29, 35, 38, 44.

TAURUS (March 21-April 19): Take physical action, and you will excel. The less time spend worrying about something you have no control over and the more you do to make a difference and improve your life, the better. A commitment will lead to something promising. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be pulled in different directions. Look at your options; you'll recognize that they aren't all equal. Sometimes appearances and promises don't turn out to be what you expect. Keep an open mind, but be sure to ask pertinent questions. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dig in and get things done. Don't stop to chat or let others lead you astray. Stay on course, and when you reach your objective, you will feel good about what you accomplish. Don't give in to temptation or manipulative persuasion. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use social media to express yourself. Marketing what you have to offer will provide tremendous insight into the possibilities that are

available to you. A change will turn out better than anticipated. Someone from your past will offer food for thought. ★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't jump the gun. Summarize what's going on around you, and consider what's best for you.

Following someone who is pressuring or tempting you to get involved in something that is questionable won't help you get where you want to go. ★★★

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may crave change, but pick and choose carefully. Learn all you can about what's entailed before you decide to get involved in something that might jeopardize your income. Time is on your side. Spend your days learning and exploring your options. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Distance yourself from demanding people. Indulge in something that will bring about personal growth, better health, stress and interference. Commit to taking better care of your health and well-being. You are responsible for your happiness. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go to the experts and gather information that will help you bring about the changes you desire. Plan ahead, and take care of any details that may block you from following through with your dream. Don't fear taking the road less traveled. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check your options, and discard anything that isn't reasonable. Concentrate on what you want and know will work. Practically will help you avoid temptation. Stick to the people who bring out the best in you. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider the changes you can make that will improve your surroundings, and make them conducive to what it is you want to achieve. Getting along with the people you live with will encourage support and the help you need. ★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a chance, and follow through with something you long for. Spending time with family or your lover will encourage positive changes that will lead to a better lifestyle. A change to the way you earn your living is apparent. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your time and effort into unique ways to bring about positive change. Helping others and offering suggestions and solutions will put you in a position of power. Don't misuse the opportunity. Do what's fair and benefits everyone. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, persuasive and kind. You are creative and sensitive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The flower letters spell the WONDERWORD.

UNDER THE HOOD

Solution: 8 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Victor

As season nears, Zimmerman, 3 others opt out



PHOENIX

(AP)—A small group of players, including Nationals slugger Ryan Zimmerman and Rockies outfielder Ian Desmond, have announced they plan to sit out this season. The Minnesota Twins have shuffled their on-field staff to protect the health of some of their older coaches.

As the sport lurches toward a late July start during the coronavirus crisis, roster flexibility and organizational depth will be key.

Zimmerman, who told The Associated Press last week he still was deciding whether to play this year, ultimately said having three young children, including a newborn, and a mother at higher risk because of multiple sclerosis factored into his decision.

"Given the unusual nature of the season, this is the best decision for me and my family," Zimmerman said.

The 35-year-old Zimmerman, who has been with the Nationals since 2005, said he still is deciding on his future beyond this season. The two-time All-Star and 2009 Gold Glove winner has 270 career homers.

Desmond cited his family as one reason why he decided to stay home for the upcoming 60-game season. But the biracial slugger also mentioned a myriad of issues within baseball, including racism, sexism, homophobia and socioeconomic concerns.

"With a pregnant wife and four young children who have lots of questions about what's going on in the world, home is where I need to be right now," the 34-year-old Desmond wrote in an Instagram post. "Home for my wife, Chelsey. Home to help. Home to guide. Home to answer my older three boys' questions about Coronavirus and Civil Rights and life. Home to be their Dad."

Desmond, who hit .255 with 20 homers in 140 games last season, had been due \$5,555,556 for the prorated share of his \$15 million salary, part of a \$70 million, five-year contract. He is owed \$8 million next year, and his deal includes a \$15 million team option for 2022 with a \$2 million buyout.

The Twins confirmed Monday that 68-year-old bullpen coach Bob McClure and 66-year-old major league coach Bill Evers won't be in the clubhouse at the start of this season because of health concerns. Both will stay with the organization to help in altered roles.

Twins manager Rocco Baldelli, who was sitting in a Target Field dugout during a

Zoom call, said he's known both coaches for a long time and that the decisions were difficult. He added that both coaches were disappointed.

"I think we all know that we're making the right decision, but that doesn't mean it feels good," Baldelli said. "It's very, very challenging to even think about these sorts of things and have these conversations."

But they're exactly the conversations that are being had at both the organizational and personal level across the MLB landscape. The defending World Series champion Nationals will begin their title defense without Zimmerman and pitcher Joe Ross, who also declined to play because of health concerns.

"We are 100% supportive of their decision to not play this year," Nationals GM Mike Rizzo said in a statement. "We will miss their presence in the clubhouse and their contributions on the field."

Ross, 27, has five seasons of MLB experience. He appeared in 27 games last season.

Zimmerman was due \$740,741 and Ross \$555,556 as prorated portions of their salaries, originally \$2 million for the first baseman and \$1.5 million for the pitcher. If they are deemed high risk by team physicians, they would still get paid and receive service time.

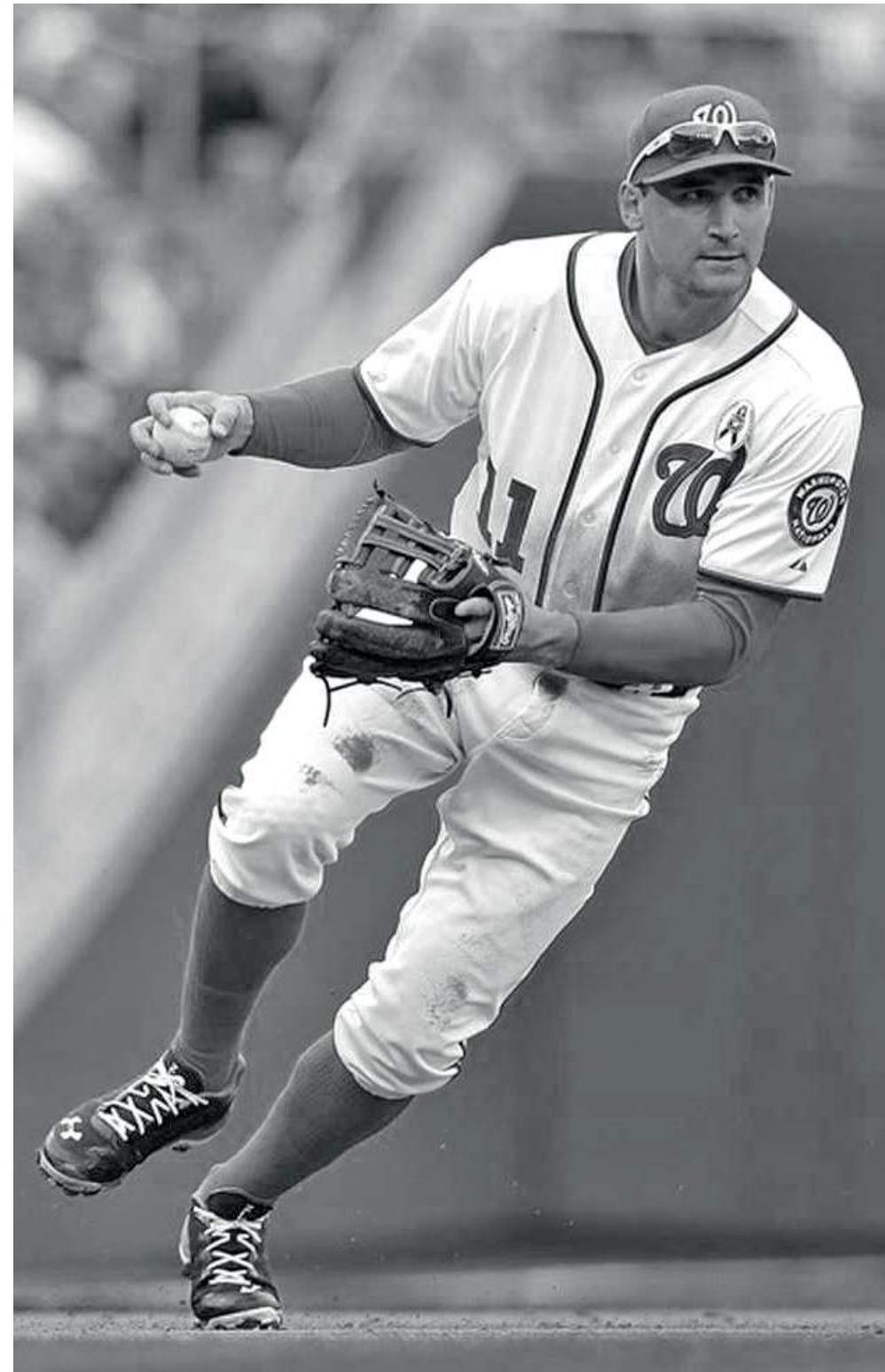
Roster shuffle

Arizona's pitching depth took a hit when Mike Leake said he had decided not to play this year. Leake was expected to be a part of the team's starting rotation after starting 10 games last season and finishing with a 3-3 record and 4.35 ERA following a midseason trade with Seattle.

Diamondbacks general manager Mike Hazen didn't elaborate on Leake's decision, but the pitcher's agent issued a statement saying he made a personal decision not to play during the pandemic. The GM also didn't say whether Leake falls under the high-risk category. If Leake does, he would be due \$5,555,556 as the prorated share of his \$15 million salary.

The fragility of baseball's current health situation has been apparent for the past few weeks. The Philadelphia Phillies had a coronavirus outbreak at their spring training facility in Clearwater, Florida, earlier this month. Seven players and five staff members tested positive in the organization.

Phillies GM Matt Klentak said the team was "fortunate that none of the cases, player or staff, have been especially serious." He said no one has been hospitalized.



In this Oct. 11, 2019 file photo, Washington Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman fields the ball hit by St. Louis Cardinals' Paul DeJong during the fourth inning of Game 1 of the National League Championship Series in St. Louis. AP

But the outbreak is another example of how difficult it is to limit exposure.

"What is eye opening to a lot of us is how quickly it spread even in an environment where we were on the extreme

end of caution," Klentak said. "The facility in Clearwater was pretty airtight in terms of staggering times of players reporting to work out, cleaning the facilities in between. Truthfully, it was frustrating to

some players how strict it was and yet the outbreak still happened."

San Francisco minor league center fielder Hunter Bishop has tested positive for the coronavirus and has mild

PGA Tour's COVID-19 worries escalate as 2 more players withdraw



The PGA Tour's coronavirus "issues" have escalated with two more pros testing positive before this week's Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit.

Both America's Harris English and South African Dylan Frittelli have withdrawn from the \$7-million event as the COVID-19 issue looms ever more ominous for the circuit that resumed three weeks ago.

That makes it 10 players who have been obliged to

scratch the last two events—and that was before the on-site testing began for this week's event. Jay Monahan, the Tour's commissioner insisted last week that these positive tests remain within the expected ratio, but the concerns will inevitably grow.

English did not play in last week's Travelers Championship—won in such style by Dustin Johnson to return to the world's Top 3—and was shocked when he was pulled out soon after arrival at the Detroit Golf Club.

"I feel healthy," English said. "I'm pleased that the new safety protocols we have in place worked this week. I fully support the Tour's new rule of not allowing anyone on the tournament grounds until testing negative, as protecting others in the field and everyone affiliated with the tournament and the community should be the No. 1 priority as a result of a positive test. I appreciate the Tour's support and I look forward to competing again after I'm fully recovered."

Frittelli played with Eng-

land's Ian Poulter in the first two rounds last week, but it is understood that Poulter—who was not due to play this week—has tested negative and returned home to Orlando. Frittelli missed the cut in Connecticut last Friday but failed the test when arriving to board the Tour's charter to fly from Connecticut to Michigan.

"I am experiencing no issues and feel great physically and was surprised and disappointed to learn of the positive test today," Frittelli said. (NBC)

Boston Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke, 63, said his organization is doing as much as it can to keep everyone—especially older staff members—as safe as possible. Terry Francona, Cleveland's 61-year-old manager, said he's not nervous, even though he's had previous health issues.

"I know I'm probably one of the higher-risk guys because of my age and some of the things that have gone on," he said. "But the trainers and the doctors have been terrific. I would rather manage and be around the guys and be around the game than not."

"I'd be miserable if I didn't do it."

Mets GM Brodie Van Wagenen said some of his team's coaching staff and player-development staff fall into the high-risk category.

"We don't have full clarity on if all of our coaches will be here, but we anticipate having that clarity here by the time we open up on Friday," he said.

Van Wagenen said the club anticipates all its players will report to training camp, which begins Friday at Citi Field. Long-absent slugger Yoenis Céspedes might finally be healthy enough to play on opening day, especially with the designated hitter now available in the National League.

There's little doubt the upcoming season will be unlike any other—if it can be played. Angels manager Joe Maddon, who is 66, said it's up to individual players and coaches to accept and embrace the safety protocols.

"If you want to come in expecting the norms that we're normally accustomed to, then you're going to be frustrated constantly, and you can't permit that to happen," Maddon said.

Jordan has coronavirus, may not return with Nets



NEW YORK (AP)—Spencer Dinwiddie and DeAndre Jordan said Monday they have tested positive for the coronavirus, potentially leaving the Brooklyn Nets without two starters when the NBA season resumes.

Jordan said he won't be in Florida with the Nets when they return from the suspension of the 2019-20 season, while Dinwiddie told The Athletic that he was experiencing symptoms and it was unclear if he would be at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports complex.

At least six players on the Nets have tested positive for the virus. The other four were back in March, when Kevin Durant said he was one of them.

Both players said they tested positive after returning to New York to rejoin the team. Some players left the city, which was a hot spot at the time, after the NBA halted play.

Dinwiddie said he tested negative for the virus multiple times after returning to Brooklyn and took part in a couple practices. But he has since tested positive and said he has a fever and chest soreness.

His absence would be a significant blow to the Nets, given he has played so well this season with Kyrie Irving out of the lineup because of injuries. He is averaging 20.6 points.

Jordan announced his status on Twitter, saying he learned of his diagnosis Sunday night and it was confirmed again Monday.

The center signed with the Nets last summer along with Durant and Irving. The 2016 U.S. Olympic gold medalist spent most of the season as a reserve but had moved into the starting lineup for both



In this Jan. 12, 2020 file photo, Brooklyn Nets center DeAndre Jordan dunks against the Atlanta Hawks during the second half of an NBA game in New York. AP

games after Jacque Vaughn replaced Kenny Atkinson as coach in March.

The Nets have a half-game lead over Orlando for seventh place in the Eastern Conference. They are set to face the Magic on July 31 in their first game back.

Wizards rule out Wall

John Wall will not join the Washington Wizards for the resumption of the NBA season this summer, ending the chances of the five-time All-Star guard playing his first game since 2018.

General manager Tommy

Sheppard effectively ruled out Wall returning this season when he said Monday the 29-year-old wouldn't be part of the Wizards' traveling party to Central Florida. Among the factors in the decision was a cap of 35 people per team in the quarantined bubble at Walt Disney World. The COVID-19 pandemic also hindered Wall's progress in his rehab from multiple surgeries.

"He definitely lost all the basketball gains that he had made," Sheppard said on a video call with reporters. "He's got to focus on what he's got to do, but having

somebody go into that bubble that's not going to play, that's just more people going into the bubble."

Wall hasn't played an NBA game since December 2018. Surgery for bone spurs in his left heel ended that season; while he was working his way back from that, he tore his left Achilles tendon and needed another operation in 2019.

He declared himself "110 percent" healthy in late May, saying, "I'm itching to get back out there." The Wizards put the brakes on that, meaning Wall will try to return for the 2020-21 season as origi-

nally planned.

"He's been fantastic in keeping his weight and being active during all this period, and this will be a continuation of the work and the plan that we've done for him," Wizards chief of athletic care and performance Daniel Medina said. "We're going to make sure that his body and his mind are at the highest level for a safe and successful return when he comes back."

Sheppard said Wall will continue to work out under team supervision in Washington and Miami. Coaches who are not part of the group

of 35 quarantining at Disney World will be available to oversee his progress.

"The last thing I ever have to worry about is John Wall's work ethic," Sheppard said. "He's going to get after this. This is a very critical offseason to him, and I think he's got a very, very big chip on his shoulder. I think he just really wants to get back to playing basketball."

When the season was suspended in mid-March, the Wizards were 24-40 and ninth in the Eastern Conference, 5 1/2 games behind the eighth-place Orlando Magic. As one of 22 teams returning, Washington will have an outside chance without Wall and forward Davis Bertans, who opted out, to earn a playoff spot.

Smith to reunite with LeBron

The Los Angeles Lakers need some help in their backcourt, and it seems like they've found it. According to ESPN, J.R. Smith and the Lakers are in the final phases of working out a deal that will bring Smith to Orlando for the NBA's "bubble" restart and reunited him with LeBron James.

Smith hasn't played for an NBA team this season, last taking the court with the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 2018-2019 season. He actually worked out for the Lakers back in March before the NBA was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, but the team went in a different direction at the time and signed Dion Waiters instead.

bers can even play tennis. A group of white-clad players could be seen Monday through one of the many closed gates, looking as prim and proper as one would expect for such a hallowed place.

But there is no line of fans camping out waiting for tickets, known in these parts as "The Queue." There is no hustle and bustle to get a seat on the outside courts when the gates burst open. There is no traffic jam with cars lined up to get onto the nearby golf course, which serves as a Wimbledon parking lot every year.

Instead, there are actual golfers on the golf course, adding to the overall eeriness of a world without Wimbledon.

"Strangely in the buildup, I've had the usual sense of anticipation, even though I knew it wasn't."



All's silent on Wimbledon's would-be Day 1

hood. "It's been part of our lives forever."

Every year, just in time for strawberry season in Britain, the world of tennis turns its focus to the All England Club. The traditional tennis whites worn by every player, the gleaming green grass at the start giving way to brown blotsches along the baseline at the end, the majesty of Centre Court on the final weekend.

"It's the highlight of the year for us," said Robert McNicol, the librarian at the All England Club who has been working from home since March. "As somebody who loves tennis, it's what I live for every year."

But 2020 is not like any other year. The coronavirus has claimed more than 500,000

lives around the globe and caused havoc on much of the sports world. And while many sports have gotten back into action or are about to, Wimbledon decided in April to skip this year, in part because it had the foresight to buy insurance against a pandemic.

That insurance will certainly help the All England Club deal with the loss of income this year, but the local businesses in Wimbledon Village just up the hill from the grounds are going to take a big hit.

Normally, the shops, restaurants and bars fill their windows with tennis-related themes, hoping to draw in ten-

nis-obsessed visitors. It's like a little slice of tennis heaven for two weeks.

"The tennis quadruples my turnover, which allows me to pay my rent," said Kelly Duffy, a restaurant owner whose patrons often include professional players and their families.

Duffy has been fortunate, though. Because she has a license to sell alcohol for takeaway as well as food, she's been able to open her business through most of the lockdown, bringing in more money than usual in recent months.

Others haven't been so lucky, first with the shutdown and now with the lack of tour-

ists coming for the tennis.

"Getting new customers is important, so during the tennis it's essential," said Maria Di Nuzzo, the deputy manager of a clothing store in the village. "It's definitely not like last year."

One Italian restaurant summed up the mood with some fitting artwork on its front windows. One side shows the women's and men's trophies covered in a purple cloak with the year 2020 written above it. The other side shows the two trophies in all their glory under the year 2021.

The lack of footfall up in the village, however, doesn't even compare to deserted feeling down the hill.

The club is open, and mem-

Pats hope winning still in fashion for Newton



NEW ENGLAND (AP)—One is a man of a million fedoras.

The other is all about the hoodie.

But whether Cam Newton and Bill Belichick can take the New England Patriots back to the Super Bowl is going to be more about football than fashion.

The Patriots have turned to the former Panthers quarterback to replace Tom Brady, who defected to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after 19 years, six Super Bowls and three NFL MVP awards. Newton gets his fresh start in New England after nine seasons in Carolina, where his own MVP-winning career had stalled because of injuries.

"Bill always says the goal for any good team is to have as many good players as possible," Jason McCourt said on the podcast he hosts with his twin brother and fellow Patriots defensive back, Devin.

"Cam Newton is a former MVP of this league, played in the Super Bowl—that caliber of a player—so I think the better players we have in our locker room, the better we're going to be able to perform as a team."

Newton, 31, agreed to terms on Sunday on a deal that will pay him up to \$7.5 million this season, a person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the deal.



In this Dec. 17, 2018 file photo, Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (1) calls a play from center during a game against the New Orleans Saints in Charlotte, N.C.

AP

he missed all but two games last season. He has lost his past eight starts in all, getting more attention for his colorful postgame attire than his play.

Brady, who is married to supermodel Gisele Bundchen, did his share of preening, and in his later years his outside interests seem to intrude on what had previously been a football-first mentality.

The dour Belichick tolerated it as long as they were winning, which they have done more than any coach and quarterback combo in

NFL history. Newton will get the same leeway, starting with training camp when he will have to win the starting job from 2019 fourth-round pick and fellow Auburn product Jarrett Stidham.

Because Newton's deal is heavily based on incentives, the signing is low risk if he cannot stay healthy and even better value if he does.

"I'm never shocked with anything we do as a Patriots organization," Devin McCourt said. "I feel like everything we do is always in the thought process of trying to win and win championships. I think that's what it comes down to, trying to make the team better. I'm never surprised when we're trying to do that."

The Patriots declined to comment on the reports. But Newton wrote on Instagram Sunday night, "I'm excited as I don't know what right now," ending the post with "LetsGoPats."

A Heisman Trophy winner who was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2011 draft, Newton peaked in 2015, when he was the NFL MVP after leading the Panthers to a 15-1 record and a Super Bowl appearance. If he's healthy, he gives the Patriots something even Brady didn't: a mobile QB who challenges defenses to chase him and bring him down.

Brady has averaged 1.7 yards per carry while rushing for 1,037 yards in 20 seasons in New England—about two seasons worth for Newton, who picked up an average of

more than 5 yards when he ran the ball. (Of course, Newton's 10 career playoff touchdown passes are a couple of typical postseasons for Brady.)

"When you're talking about mobile quarterbacks, guys that are tough to handle, tackle, can throw, run, make good decisions -- I mean, I would put Newton at the top of the list," Belichick said when the Patriots faced Newton in 2017.

"He makes good decisions. He can run. He's strong. He's hard to tackle. He can do a lot of different things, beat you in a lot of different ways," Belichick said. "Not saying the other guys aren't a problem, because they are, but he's public enemy No. 1."

But since then Newton has had two shoulder operations and one on his foot, and

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ic, badminton is ideal for students and other interested individuals because players play on the opposite court, so you have social distancing in place. If given an opportunity, I would love my students to learn badminton," Dela Rosa said.

Pangilinan said they are excited to work with students and teachers and share what they have learned from the sports through the years.

"I've talked to some students and they said they are interested to know how to play badminton. It will be great if we could reach out to them to get more players, especially the youth, involved in the program. At this time of the pandemic, we could not always do Shuttle Time, but in the



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
From left, Daniel Macario, Jordan Pangilinan, Nicole Malasarte, Janelle Pangilinan, and Ezekiel Macario pose for a photo after conducting the Shuttle Time session yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

future, we could hold summer camps to bring the sports to the students and the rest of the community," Pangilinan said.

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called for two outs in between the three runs it gained.

One out and it's all over.

That scenario repeatedly flashed into Jones' mind. He swung on pitcher Jay Taijeron's second pitch and missed, leaving Jesus Iguel at first. Jones then let go Taijeron's

outside throw, but was caught looking off the latter's fourth pitch for the second strike.

Pressure mounted on Jones, as Guam closed in on the title, but the CNMI slugger kept

his poise and hit the ball that landed at left field and Guam struggling to pick the ball up, giving Jesus time to reach home and tie the game, 14-all.

The CNMI had the chance to win the match right in the regulation as Jones made it to first and Nokki Saralu was batting next. However, Saralu flied out, sending the finale to extra inning.

Now back to business after

falling behind in the majority of the championship game and its morale boosted by the supportive crowd, the CNMI moved a step close to completing the comeback after forcing Guam to a 1-2-3 at the top of the 10th inning.

Done on defense, the CNMI now had to work on offense at the bottom of the 10th inning, as it needed just one run to fi-

nally wrap up the finals. Some anxious moments in the early part of the deciding inning delayed the CNMI's celebration, as Camacho and Peter Lieto flied out for the first two outs.

Juan Iguel then singled to foil Guam's bid to extend the game. With Juan at first, it's now Secharmidal's turn on the spotlight with his make-or-break performance at bat. He passed on the first ball from Taijeron and was called for a strike in the second. Up against a way much taller pitcher, Secharmidal let go of another high throw from Taijeron while Juan stole second. Full count was eventually called on Secharmidal and with the title and the CNMI's pride on the line, he took the next pitch. The CNMI catcher hit the ball while Guam first baseman Mike Peredo failed to catch the leather, allowing Juan reach home and deliver the win that remained the talk of town in the baseball-crazed island for awhile even after the inaugural MBC had already concluded.



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

In this July 1, 2016 file photo, the CNMI players and their coaches and manager flash the No. 1 sign after beating Guam, 15-14, in the finals of the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



SAIPAN TRIBUNE
The CNMI's Ben Jones checks on the umpire after diving home during the bottom of the first inning of their semis game against Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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In this July 1, 2016 file photo, the CNMI's Brian Camacho prepares to swing en route to a solo homer at the bottom of the ninth inning of their title match against Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Flashback: One for the ages

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It would be a while before baseball action returns in the CNMI due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So to quench your thirst for exciting games at the fabled Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, let's relive the title match between the CNMI and Guam in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic.

Incidentally, that championship match took place on July 1, four years ago, with the host squad making the mother of all comebacks after eking out a 15-14 victory in extra inning.

Guam seemed poised to

hand the CNMI and its adoring crowd a heartbreaker, taking a promising 13-2 lead after four complete innings. The Commonwealth sluggers, as expected, rallied, but things still did not look good for the hometown team, as Guam kept the upper hand, 14-10, going into the bottom of the ninth inning—supposedly the last in the title match.

In the face of an impending loss, catcher Verlance Secharmidal, siblings Juan, Lamarc, and Jesus Iguel, John Tudela, Ben Jones, and Brian Camacho teamed up in turning the CNMI's fortunes and giving the Henry Lizama-managed

squad an epic win.

Camacho led off for the CNMI at the bottom of the ninth and scored an over-the-fence homer to give the team momentum. Next up was Juan Iguel, whose single drove in John Tudela, while the former also scored courtesy of his brother Lamarc's single to bring the CNMI within one, 13-14.

With the host team threatening, Guam just needed one big stop to hang on to the win and take the inaugural MBC crown, as the CNMI was

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NMBA goes back to basics



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
CNMI National Team player Janelle Pangilinan shows footwork and balance drills, while Shuttle Time participants look on.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
CNMI National Team player Ezekiel Macario, right, demonstrates to Elna Curate how to avoid overreaching shot at the net during Northern Marianas Badminton Association's Shuttle Time session yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Northern Marianas Badminton Association went back to basics, as it conducted another session of Shuttle Time yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

National team players Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan, Ezekiel and Daniel Macario, and Nicole Malasarte led Shuttle Time—a Badminton World Federation program

that offers school access to free resources, training, and equipment to support the teaching of enjoyable and safe badminton activities to children in the 5 to 15 age groups.

The five players, who represented the CNMI in last year's Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa, demonstrated drills on footwork, coordination, balance, and hand trips to 14 Shuttle Time participants. The national players also taught participants about service and kinds of shots and the fundamental rules in the sport.

"It's very important to focus on the basics, especially, for people who just started with

the sport or just trying to get back into their game because of the long break due to the pandemic. Mastering the basics will help one improve his/her game faster and safer," Janelle Pangilinan said.

NMBA players and a couple of teachers attended yesterday's session and the former were included in the program, as they will be assisting the association in reaching out to schools and

conducting a series of Shuttle Time sessions. Last December, NMBA visited Agape Christian School and introduced Shuttle Time to more than 30 students and their teachers.

NMBA president Merlie Tolentino said they are looking forward to visiting more schools and holding Shuttle Time to grow the sport and encourage more young players.

"We will be coordinating

with the Public School System once it's safe to hold Shuttle Time with the teachers and students," Tolentino said.

Erika Dela Rosa, who teaches at William S. Reyes Elementary School, said badminton would be a great addition to the list of sports/physical activities that students do.

"At this time of the pandemic,

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